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ELECTION 2010

All the news on the Parliamentary candidates vying for your vote tomorrow



EVERY VOTE COUNTS IN CLOSE SEAT

AFTER all the talk and all the hype, tomorrow will finally see the the most keenly anticipated general election in years – and the Dover and Deal seat is one of the hardest in the country to call.

A quick random poll by this newspaper in Dover's Market Square suggests that Labour's Gwyn Prosser and Conservative Charlie Elphicke are neck and neck – but there is also strong support for Liberal Democrat John Brigden. A recent Electoral Calculus poll sug-

ELECTION 2010

BY NICK AMES

gested Mr Prosser would keep his seat – but Mr Elphicke said he was confident after Tory leader David Cameron's showing in the televised debates.

Last time around, Mr Prosser won a 4,941 (10.3 per cent) majority. But it is possible that tomorrow's decision could rest on just a few hundred votes.

Among the key issues for voters are the sale of Dover's port, immigration and border control and house-building,

as well as national topics such as the economy.

Mr Prosser said he believed the seat was a "two-horse race".

He said: "Gordon Brown has engineered Britain's recovery and laid down plans for dealing with the deficit. Or voters could select David Cameron and his inexperienced team. But I think people will decide this is no time for novices.

"Locally, people can re-elect a Labour MP who has worked in Dover on the ferries, fought for local jobs and secured millions of pounds of Government funding for the area.

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A THING OF BEAUTY

It has been a fascinating campaign in the run-up to tomorrow's General Election, with surely even the most politically cynical having to admit that the outcome of the tightest contest in years is intriguing.

Here in the Dover and Deal constituency, of course, we are fortunate to have been involved in one of the closest battles of all, with no one able to claim with any certainty who will be representing us at Parliament.

It's important, then, that among the campaign clamour, we take time to draw breath and enjoy some of the more subtle joys of life.

This photograph of a dwarf tulip was taken by Gateway Camera Club member Gary Stamp and secured him victory in the digital section of the club's open competition.

Well done, Gary, but who will be taking the plaudits on Friday morning?

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The final countdown

The exhausting weeks of campaigning are almost over, so now it's down to you, the voters, to choose this area's MP

Gwyn Prosser (Labour)

Elected to the Parliamentary seat of Dover and Deal in 1997 and has been in place ever since.

Born in Wales and married, he spent his pre-political life at sea before coming to Dover to work on the cross-Channel ferries.

Once here, he became involved in union activities and acted as a district councillor and county councillor before first standing for Parliament in 1989, when he lost narrowly.

He is a keen supporter of the Port of Dover remaining in public hands and has actively opposed plans for a sell-off – as currently exist – on a number of occasions.



Vic Matcham (UKIP)

Stood in the last general election in Dover and Deal as an independent candidate.



Dennis Whiting (BNP)

Contested the Maidstone seat for the National Front in 1979.



Charlie Elphicke (Conservative)

A married tax lawyer who has also worked in the pharmaceutical research industry. He is a research fellow at the Centre For Policy Studies and an expert on tax and pensions.

He opposes any plans to sell off the port and thinks the UK would benefit from fewer laws. He is also concerned about the impact of high taxes on families, especially those who are least well off.

Mr Elphicke, who lives in Deal, says he is also very concerned about the levels of immigration into the UK as well as the security of the country's borders.



Michael Walters (English Democrats)

Represents a party that says it puts English interests first.



George Dee-Lisle (Independent)



David Clark (Christian Peoples Alliance)



John Brigden (Liberal Democrats)

Runs a company involved with classic cars and has taken part in motor rallies in various parts of the world.

He is a councillor in Sevenoaks but has family connections in Deal and was brought up in Singapore and Pakistan, so he has an interest in people from those regions.

He is against the sell-off of the port but enthusiastic about maintaining links with the European Union.

Mr Brigden says he is also worried that increased housing plans for Dover will be a strain on the local infrastructure.



So, who has convinced you?

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"Or they could take a chance on a tax lawyer from Belgravia who has signed up to David Cameron's plans for immediate deep cuts which would choke off the economic recovery and plunge us into depression."

But Mr Elphicke hit back strongly, saying: "People should vote Conservative for a proper hospital, to save the port from being sold to the French and to stop our border staff being sacked – as well as to ensure change with stability and strong leadership."

The LibDems' John Brigden said his party was now a force to be reckoned with.

"We are real contenders," he said.

"People should keep their nerve and support us. The days of tactical voting are over. Vote according to



CONTEST: This year it is expected to be a very tight call in the fight for the Dover and Deal seat

your conscience. I have met Nick Clegg and he is very intelligent and very competent. The TV debates have shown everyone this."

Vic Matcham of UKIP said he was pleased at the level of support he had

received. He said: "People are really listening to what we have to say."

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Gardens' glory caught on fund-raising video

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

A GARDEN park which is home to an array of exotic flowers and wildlife is under threat of closure unless it can raise enough funds.

Sandling Park, just outside Hythe, is open to the public throughout May and is known for its display of rhododendrons and azaleas, as well as attracting various species of butterfly.

But the cost of maintaining the 25-acre estate by owners the Hardy family has led to the launch of a DVD to raise money and awareness about its long history.

Filmmaker and butterfly enthusiast Kerry King said he hopes his project will turn around the garden's fortunes.

"I had the idea about three years ago for putting together a film showing how beautiful the park is over the seasons. What people see today has taken years by the Hardy family to produce. It would be a travesty if the garden was ever to close permanently."

Mr King, a criminal-law consultant, said the garden was a respite from the outside world: "There's nothing better after spending a long day in the office than to go and have a walk around, it gives me that sense of release."

The estate has been the home of the Hardy family since 1897, when it was bought by Lawrence Hardy MP. The original 26-bedroom mansion was built by the Italian architect Joseph Bonomi, but was destroyed by enemy action in the Second World War.

The lawns were also constructed by Hardy



Picture: KERRY KING

NATURAL PARADISE: Sandling Park gardens are renowned for attracting butterflies, such as these two painted ladies

and have been looked after by the family since. Today, his great-granddaughter Jane hopes it can defy the economic downturn and stay alive.

"It's an absolutely wonderful place, so peaceful and secluded, being able to walk round the garden every day and seeing all the changes. You never know what you're going to see."

"The garden did suffer from the hurricane in 1987, when we lost more than 500 trees and it was awful. All of my horticultural friends, everybody, just gave us flowers and helped us get it back to what it was."

Jane's parents Alan and Caroline shared a passion for gardening and were friends with the Queen Mother through her interest in horticulture.

"Both my parents would have dinner with her at Walmer and they went up to Sandringham to see her garden and gave her some plants."

The DVD, entitled Sandling Park: Through The Seasons is available to buy at the park for £10 or online at www.bkvpssport.co.uk. The garden is open every Wednesday and Sunday in May from 10am-5pm, admission is £4.



Sheep-saga head returns to school

A HEAD-TEACHER who was hounded out of her job after sending the school lamb to slaughter has been welcomed back by children, staff and governors.

Andrea Charman returned to Lydd Primary School after stepping down in February after a "relentless" internet hate campaign.

But Mrs Charman was back at the school on Monday, April 19, after overwhelming public support for her reinstatement.

Kent County Council's director of education Grahame Ward presented Mrs Charman with a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the local authority, and children made a welcome back banner.

Mrs Charman said: "I am pleased to return to Lydd Primary. I care very much for this school, and want every child to fulfil their potential. I would like to thank everyone for their support."

Geoff Marsh, chair of governors said: "The community is behind Mrs Charman. Her leadership has improved the school dramatically. We are delighted she has returned."

Managing director of KCC's children, families and education department, Rosalind Turner, said: "I am very happy that Mrs Charman has returned. There is overwhelming support for her."

"Under her guidance the school made tremendous progress and I know she will relish the opportunity to continue that work. Welcome back Mrs Charman."



Shoppers urged to keep it quiet

SHOPPERS in Folkestone town centre were drowned out by the sounds of drills, house alarms, loud music and barking dogs last week.

It was all part of efforts to mark national Noise Action Week and show how ordinary noise can drive neighbours to distraction.

Shepway council officers Alison Wood, Wai Tse and Daniel Stone were in Folkestone on Thursday to play tapes of irritating noises, speak to shoppers and offer advice about dealing with noise nuisance.

They also gave out free pens and bookmarks which showed the decibel levels of everyday noises.

Environmental education officer Alison Wood said: "One thing we did stress was the extra noise created by laminate flooring."

"If you live in a flat and your neighbours upstairs have wooden flooring it is far noisier than carpet. We cannot change fashion but simple steps, like putting down rugs, can help make a difference."

Architect's plan for harbour on its way

LONG-awaited plans for the redevelopment of Folkestone harbour are soon to be revealed, with the public invited to give their own feedback.

Architect Sir Terry Farrell has been appointed by site owner The Folkestone Harbour Company (FHC) to come up with his own proposals, which will be on display for everyone to see.

The FHC had originally hired Lord Foster to draw up a masterplan for the area, which was then put on hold due to the economic downturn. It is thought some of his ideas will be incorporated into Sir Terry's new designs.

Harbour company spokesman Trevor Minter said: "This process will offer local people the chance to hear about the new approach that Sir Terry Farrell is advocating."

"We are keen to receive feedback, and people will have a chance to put forward their ideas for development of the public areas."

Public meetings on the proposals will be held at Quarterhouse in Folkestone's Tontine Street on Tuesday, May 18 and Tuesday, May 25 at 7pm; Thursday, June 3, at 2pm; Monday, June 14, at 7pm and Saturday, June 26, at 11am. Places

at each presentation are free but must be reserved by calling the Quarterhouse box office on 01303 858500, with an out-of-hours answer phone, or by emailing info@quarterhouse.co.uk.

A public exhibition will be held at 3-7 Tontine Street, which is within view of part of the proposed site, from Wednesday, May 26, until Wednesday, June 9, from 10am-4pm each day.

Feedback

Schools in the area will be invited to take part in the consultation through organised events, and an online summary will also be available from mid-May at www.folkestoneharbour.com.

There will be opportunities to offer feedback at all stages of the consultation.

Sir Terry was commissioned by the county council to draw up a 20-year vision for Kent, covering regeneration, transport, housing, landscape and economic growth, presenting his proposals at a series of events around the county in January.

Sir Terry's work in Folkestone has been commissioned directly by The Folkestone Harbour Company.



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Grim welcome home for couple in flights chaos

A PAIR of holidaymakers endured the journey from hell at the height of the volcanic ash crisis – after they arrived back in the UK.

Morag and Sandy Dawson had already seen their plane grounded as they attempted to get home from Malaga in Spain.

And after 30 hours on a coach and a ferry crossing, the married couple thought their troubles were at an end when they arrived in Dover.

But thanks to a taxi they were really only beginning.

"We were exhausted but elated to get back on to British soil," said Morag. "We came out of the port and got into the first taxi parked amongst lots of taxis.

"We asked the driver to take us to the Holiday Inn Express in Folkestone that our family had booked us into for the night. He was driving a silver Ford S-MAX.

"He was wearing a leather hat with a rim all the way round which was turned up and a leather jacket with some kind of marking on his left sleeve.

"He told us he had never heard of a Holiday Inn Express in Folkestone. At a roundabout he did not take the road for Folkestone but took the first left which was heading back down towards the sea.

"When we came into a village I told him I didn't think it was the correct road. He told

■ BY NICK AMES

us he had come this way as the motorway to Folkestone was closed. We began to fear we were going to be attacked.

"He then turned into a dead end road in a village and turned the car around. We then headed back the way we had come.

"He got us into Folkestone and drove into a retail park as he said he thought the hotel might be in there. We were now becoming very concerned for our safety.

"I told him that this was a retail park and that there would not be a hotel down there.

"He then said he would take us to a station and ask another driver if he had heard of the hotel. He then said he thought he now knew where it was.

"My husband asked him to speak to his controller but he did not do so. When we got to the hotel the meter was at £50. My husband argued with him and in the end we gave him £30.

"We know we should have looked for his registration and taxi company, but the stress, fear and tiredness meant we did not do so."

The couple – who have contacted the port of Dover with a complaint – then paid £12.50 the following day to get to Dover. They considered this a fair price.

Morag added: "We are angry and dismayed that after being caught up in the travel chaos we had the misfortune to meet this bad man who exploited us."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Border staff cuts leaked

THE number of staff under threat at Dover and the Channel Tunnel has been revealed in a leaked memo.

Cutbacks point to front-line job losses of between 15 and 40, to save £1.5million a year.

A memo, dated March 26 sent on behalf of the UK Border Agency in the south-east, warned staff: "The budget I have for Kent will only allow for 145 staff. We have 185."

A spokesman said the agency was consulting unions and staff over "the planned restructure" of the team, and that compulsory job losses were not anticipated.

The news comes as an illegal immigrant was arrested after clinging to the gearbox of a coach for 150 miles from Calais to Shepreth in Cambridgeshire.

The man from Eritrea stunned passengers as he tried to run away when the vehicle stopped, but he was arrested.

World Cup big screen ban

FEARS over safety and possible disturbances mean football fans will not be able to watch this summer's World Cup on Dover's big screen.

England's matches in South Africa will be available in pubs and bars across the country but supporters will be unable to watch the action in the town's Market Square.

The ban on football was introduced by a board made up of local authorities, including the district council and Kent Police. But it looks likely that London 2012 Olympic Games will be shown live on the screen.

Mayor's guest appearance

DOVER mayor Sue Jones was guest of honour at St George's Day celebrations in Calais.

A group of cafe owners, known as Club des Toques et sans Cravate, organised three days of activities with an English theme.

Councillor Jones was then in Belgium for commemorations marking the 1918 Zeebrugge raid – a First World War operation which saw the Royal Navy attempt to put Belgian port, which was used by the German Navy as a U-boat base, out of action.

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The new Bishop of Dover, the Right Reverend Trevor Willmott, has been visiting communities, groups and schools across the town.

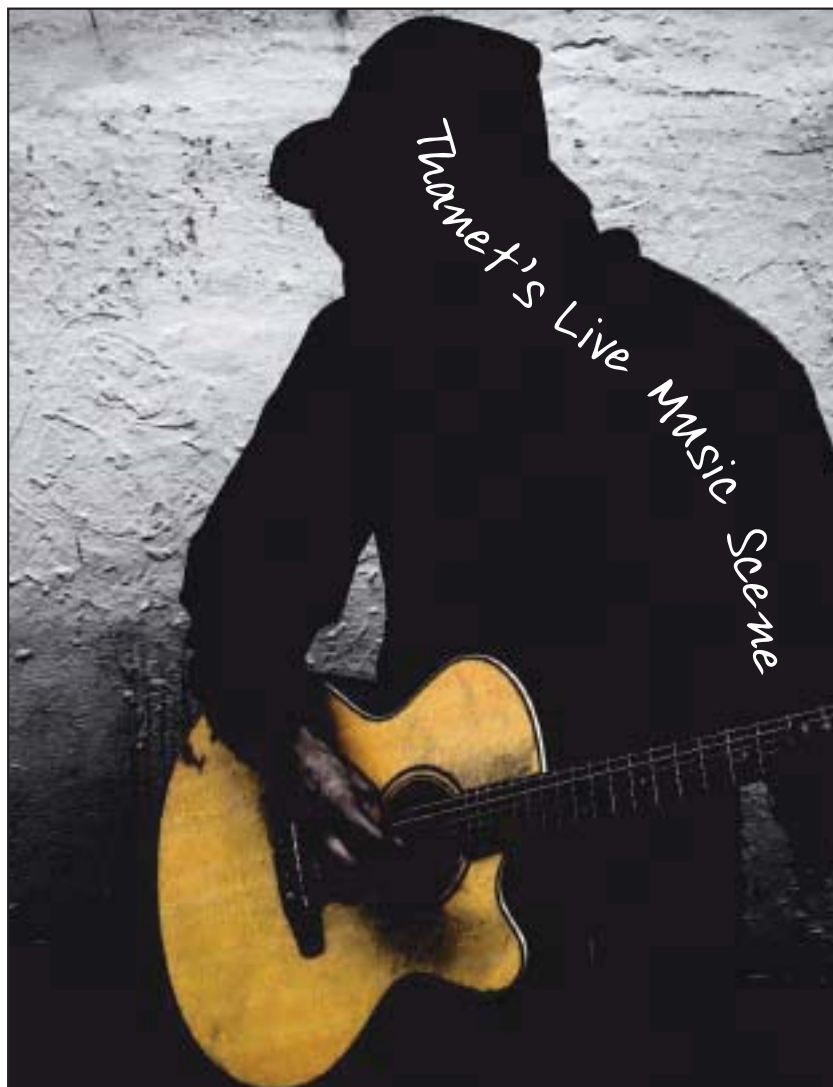
He met children at Guston Church of England Primary School and volunteers at homeless charity St Martin's Emmaus, as well as answering questions at a public meeting in the Town Council offices during the evening.

Bishop Trevor, who took up his post as Bishop of Dover in February was shown around the school by deputy head Julia Cox, and met all the pupils, 65 per cent of whom are from Nepalese service families, when he led a school assembly.

Following a car tour of the area, Bishop Trevor called in to the St Martin's Emmaus community, a charity that helps homeless people. He is pictured there with companion Peter.

In the evening some 60 people attended a question and answer event at the council offices.

Bishop Trevor said: "It has been good to meet so many people committed to improving life in the town and I have been overjoyed by the welcome I have received."



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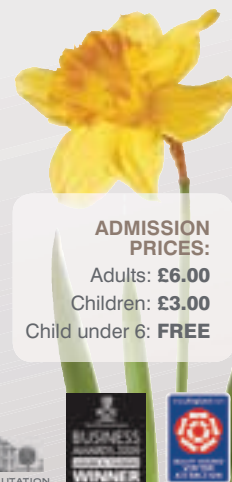
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■ BY NICK AMES

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During the dramatic ten-day evacuation masterminded from the Secret Wartime Tunnels deep below Dover Castle, thousands of men were saved, ready to fight another day in what was a crucial tactical triumph.

Now historians want to record memories and anecdotes of some of the most desperate days of the Second World War.

In a project to capture first-hand memories of these dark days of war – before it is too late – English Heritage has launched a nationwide search for veterans and those who played a part in the rescue mission, which became known as 'the miracle of Dunkirk'.

From those who risked their own lives to sail the 920-strong fleet of Royal Navy ships, commercial vessels and "little ships" – fishing boats, cabin-cruisers and the like – in the perilous evacuation, to the women who filled countless sandwiches to welcome home the exhausted troops, English Heritage is seeking personal accounts that will bring this pivotal wartime event to life and keep it forever for future generations.

Their recollections will form the backbone of a new exhibition which opens in 2011 in the



OPERATIONS ROOM: Tracking the progress of the Dunkirk evacuation was carried out in tunnels beneath Dover Castle

Secret Wartime Tunnels, headquarters of Vice Admiral Bertram Home Ramsay, who directed the complex and dangerous evacuation, code-named Operation Dynamo. The tunnels house displays and authentic period equipment and will have enthusiasts re-enacting the wartime drama in the coming weeks to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the evacuation.

"Sadly, time is running out for us to get first-hand accounts of those desperate days when the situation for our troops seemed hopeless and the

threat of invasion by Germany was very real.

"The evacuation of Dunkirk is one of history's most significant and moving events and remains a symbol of pulling through against tremendous odds and achieving the unachievable – the rescue of 338,000 troops in just ten days," said historian Paul Pattison.

A Memory Box – a video-recording booth – opens at the Secret Wartime Tunnels on Friday, May 28, to start a week of events and activities marking the anniversary at Dover Castle.

ANZAC Day poppy tribute by airman



A FOLKESTONE-born airman now serving with the Royal New Zealand Air Force has returned to pay tribute to the heroes of the Battle of Britain.

Sgt Robert Kesby laid poppies at the Battle of Britain memorial at Capelle-Ferme to mark ANZAC Day, which honours the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, which fought at Gallipoli during the First World War. Sgt Kesby is pictured, above, with the longest-serving active trustee, Flt Lt Bernard Hyde.

"I was glad to be able to pay my respects on an important day for Australia and New Zealand," he said.

Wildlife on camera

KENT Wildlife Trust has launched its 2010 Photographer Of The Year contest.

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Q Tell us something about yourself

A I live in Postling and have five daughters and six grandchildren, five of them girls. I was raised in Lyminge and my mum Lilian still lives in Rhodes Minnis. I spent 17 years in the Royal Air Force, then managed the newly-formed doctors-on-call service in Folkestone. I then formed a software company with James Berry, himself just leaving Harvey Grammar, and this became a successful business, employing 150 people before being floated on the AIM market in 2008.

On the sporting front I have been a member of Sibton Park Cricket Club for the last 40 years, and Paul Fox and I hold the club record East Kent League opening partnership of 217 achieved in a ten-wicket win over Canterbury in 1984. I was never much of a footballer but never missed a penalty (I only took about ten).

Q How did you first become involved with Folkestone Invicta?

A I have been a Folkestone supporter since my dad started bringing me down to watch Kent League games in the late 50s. I have been helping around the edges for a few years now, and Bob Dix asked me to come on to the board in 2007. There has, of course, been a bit of turbulence since then, but all is now settled again and we have a strong team with Bob still very much playing his part in offering his experience and support.

Q Why did you decide on last month's tribute to Rifleman Peter Aldridge?

A It's difficult to pinpoint a single reason. No one who witnessed Rifleman Aldridge's repatriation through Wootton Bassett and the pictures of his mother's distress at the funeral could have failed to have been moved. We were planning to hold a minute's silence before a match in February, but postponements gave us breathing space to organise something more substantial. The visit of Croydon Athletic gave us added meaning because the family came here from Croydon not so long ago and Mr Aldridge still serves there in the London Fire Brigade.

Q How important a role do you believe Invicta play in the local community?

A I think the turnout of the club's youngsters at the tribute game spoke for itself. Invicta already play an enormously important role in providing a constructive outlet for youth energy, and it will be able to do vastly more once we all address the need for better playing facilities at the Cheriton Road site. I should also mention the youth section leadership of Pete Saunders, Alex McCue, Tracey Nunn, Kim Gardiner and all the year group coaches and helpers. They are a great credit to the club and the community.

Q What do you think of the state of football's finances at the moment?

A How much space have you got?! I think it's gone disastrously wrong. Greed and cor-

ruption at the top level are rife, the FA at national level has done an abysmal job in failing to cap earnings or regulate risk-taking, too many at every level indulge themselves in flights of fancy and it's a great pity no one listened to Alan Sugar when the satellite TV boom started it all off.

Precious little gets through to community roots and I find it deeply frustrating that we struggle to get 200 through the gate on a weekday evening because we are competing with live football on TV. Invicta haven't been blameless in the way they have operated and we won't get into that state again, but any representative club at this level is up against a serious financial challenge because there's unchecked greed at the top and so little getting through to community level.

Q How can people find out more about the club and where to buy tickets?

A There's stacks of information on the club's website (www.folkestoneinvicta.co.uk), maintained enthusiastically by Sam Jones. Don't worry about tickets – just get down there, pay at the gate and enjoy a drink in the Stripes Club. And if you are a commercial enterprise, please take a boundary board or an advertisement in our matchday programmes.

The club's commitment is wholeheartedly to give back into its community and we try hard to ensure our commercial supporters are recognised and promoted.

Q&A

The chairman of Folkestone Invicta Football Club speaks to **James Alexandre** about his sporting and business background, the recent match tribute to Rifleman Peter Aldridge and the club's financial situation

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Police admit 14 sex offenders are 'missing'

FOURTEEN sex offenders are 'missing' in Kent, despite police insisting that they monitor abusers closely.

The county's force has been named as one of the UK constabularies with the highest number of missing sex offenders in its area.

Offenders released from jail on licence, or who are on the sex offenders register, are obliged to inform the authorities where they live – but police do not know where the missing ones are.

Kent Police were fourth, behind Greater Manchester (15), West Midlands (30) and the Metropolitan Police (128).

Although the force would not reveal the sex crimes of the missing offenders, it admitted that seven were high-risk, six were medium and one was low-risk.

Det Supt Maria Shepherd, head of Kent Police's public protection unit, insisted the force closely monitored the behaviour and risk posed to the public by sexual and violent criminals who have been released from prison on licence.

She said those on the sex offenders register

■ BY MARIJKE COX

living in Kent were checked on through the Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (Mappa), which is made up of partners including the probation and prison services.

Det Supt Shepherd said: "Protecting people is our priority. We work with our partners to use all the resources available to us in order to best manage violent and sex offenders in Kent."

"We also work closely with other forces, in the UK and abroad, to ensure the law is upheld."

The force declined to say how the 14 were able to fall off the radar or the kind of work being carried out to find them.

Det Supt Shepherd said: "Our joint police and probation public protection team operates as a centre of excellence working closely with our Mappa partners."

Malcolm Gilbert from Family Matters, which helps victims of sexual abuse, said: "This is a big worry to people who have been abused. It may lead them to think that these sorts of crimes are not being taken seriously."



VIGILANCE: Public safety is a priority, say Kent Police; this includes management of violent and sex offenders

"If an abuser is to go missing, this causes trauma to their victim. We want to know that people are safeguarded."

Mr Gilbert said the charity, based in Gravesend, worked closely with Kent Police and victims at the centre of criminal investigations.

"The police will have a system of monitoring these offenders," he said.

"I have no knowledge of how they keep tabs on these people or how they look for them. Maybe there are inefficiencies in the system which had led to some going missing, I don't know."

"The main concern for us is that the victims should be able to move on and are not caused deep trauma should their abuser go missing."

Figures from 2009 showed there were 1,093 sex offenders in Kent and Medway, about 68 per 100,000 head of population.

Channel daredevil's party-balloons trip

BALLOONIST Jonathan Trappe is preparing to be blown 22 miles over the sea at 7,000ft in the latest bizarre attempt to fly across the English Channel.

The American is making final preparations for his attempt to float to France suspended under party balloons.

He has completed a test flight, floating at the required 7,000ft for almost 14 hours – an endurance record for a "cluster balloon" flight.

The trip, in North Carolina, also meant he became the first to fly by day and night. Mr Trappe, 37, will sit in a custom-built chair beneath 57 helium balloons as he attempts to cross the world's busiest shipping lane in June.

And the only way to land is to burst the balloons closest to him – using a knife.

"Every time you burst the balloon, there's a judder," he said. "Even though the method of descent is rudimentary, it is effective. The latest flight was to test our systems. We had clearance from a nearby air-force base, which was handy considering they were conducting live-fire tests up to an altitude of 29,000ft."

The smallest of the balloons is five-and-a-half feet across and can carry 3.7lb.

"The largest are eight feet in diameter and can carry a load of up to 14lb," said Mr Trappe.

"I ascend at 32mph – or 521ft per minute – and on this flight hit an altitude of 7,474ft."

He is looking for a location to start from on the British side, with the cliffs between Dover and Folkestone earmarked.



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I've opposed port privatisation ever since Mrs Thatcher forced through her 1991 Privatisation Act and I'm opposing Dover Harbour Board's current bid to sell our port. The sale is also opposed by most constituents, the Town Council, the employees, the unions and the Trades Council - now that all three major ferry companies have challenged the behaviour of the Board I've demanded that their bid be thrown out.



High Speed Trains for Deal

When train bosses said the Javelin trains couldn't run beyond Folkestone because of problems in the tunnels I secured the support of Ministers and started banging heads together until the operators came up with a solution. High Speed services to Dover are a great success but now we have to extend it - that's why I'm working with Trains4Deal, pressing Ministers and badgering the train company for better timetables and High Speed stops in Deal.

» Fair rules with Labour:

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No unfair cuts: We will maintain tax credits, not cut them, and we will protect frontline spending on childcare, schools, the NHS and policing.

Giving the police the tools they need: Labour will make sure the most serious offenders are added to the DNA database, no matter where or when they were convicted. And under our plans the DNA profiles of those arrested but not convicted will be retained for six years.

» The Tory threat

Families: The Tories would cut Child Tax Credits and the Child Trust Fund for families on modest and middle incomes.

Tax breaks for the richest few: The Tories plan a tax break worth £200,000 each for the 3,000 richest estates in Britain.

Tory risk to DNA: The Tories' proposals to restrict the use of DNA evidence would seriously weaken the ability to investigate and convict criminals, putting the public at greater risk.

» Under the Lib Dems:

Soft on crime: The Lib Dems will remove DNA profiles of those who have been arrested but not convicted of anything other than a serious offence. The Lib Dems also voted against tougher sentences for violent offenders and oppose locking up young people who breach their ASBOs.

An amnesty for illegal immigrants: The Lib Dems want to allow long-stay illegal immigrants to remain in the country but this would encourage even more illegal immigration to the UK.



"Take a long hard look at the Tories before you vote. What sort of change does David Cameron really offer for people? Are you sure he's right for the job? I don't think so and that's why I choose Labour." **Ross Kemp**

Battle of Britain pilot relives miracle escape

RAF ace Flight Lieutenant Bill Green – who was shot down over Deal – is one of the Battle of Britain heroes featured in a national newspaper's tales of the conflict that removed the threat of Nazi invasion during the Second World War.

The fighter pilot never saw who shot his Hurricane down – but recalled the fight in which he almost lost his life.

At 6pm on August 29, 1940, the 23-year-old pilot of 501 Squadron was scrambling to intercept the enemy after reports of 200 Luftwaffe bombers and fighters heading for Deal.

And as he circled above the town – knowing that he and his fellow pilots were outnumbered 16 to one – he came under attack.

Now 92, he said: "Suddenly there was a crash of glass – a big hole in the windscreen.

"I started getting covered in engine coolant liquid and I realised my aircraft was crippled."

Bill told the News of the World he tried to bail out but was caught on the edge of his cockpit – and was soon in even more trouble.

"It ripped my helmet off, ripped my oxygen mask off. I found myself in space, rolling

■ BY NICK AMES

forward," he said. "I was feeling everywhere for my parachute ripcord, thinking I'll never find it, but I did.

"I pulled it and thought it was all over; out the parachute would pop, and I would float down majestically.

"But a vital piece of the chute, designed to drag out the main canopy, had been severed by gunfire. The main canopy fell out and I just fell into it and it wrapped itself around me like a shroud.

"I wasn't a Christian at the time, but I started to pray: 'Please God, open this bloody parachute!' I really thought that was it.

Magically

"Then suddenly, quite magically, there was a jolt. The wind must have got under the folds of the parachute. I looked to my right and there were electricity pylons level with me. I looked to my left and there were trees above me. I couldn't believe that I was alive.

"The quiet after rushing through the air was deafening. It made more impact on me than any noise I've ever heard."

But what concerned Bill was that his shoes had come off and he was wearing new socks his wife had given to him on leave the day

before – and he didn't want to get them dirty.

He said: "There were all these cow-pats and thistles in the field I'd landed in, and I remember looking down at my feet and thinking I have to walk through all that lot with my new socks on."

Bill had been shot in the leg on the way down and spent the rest of the battle – though not the war – in hospital. He flew 26 times in nine days during the Battle of Britain.



DARN IT: Bill Green's greatest fear was damaging a new pair of socks that his wife had bought for him



FALLING NUMBERS: The grey partridge is just one of the farmland bird species declining in the South East

WORRIES OVER FATE OF FARMLAND BIRDS

GOVERNMENT figures just released show that, despite some small improvements, there is still cause for concern about the numbers and future of farmland birds across east Kent.

The decline in numbers is slowing – but environmentalists want farmers and other landowners to do more to arrest the losses that are still occurring.

The DEFRA report contains statistics on bird populations by English regions and is split into farmland birds and woodland birds. The figures chart the fluctuations of bird populations between 1994 and 2008 and show farmland bird populations in the South East fell by 23 per cent during this time.

However, this was a marked improvement on figures for the period 1970-1994, which showed a decline of 31 per cent.

Bruce Fowkes, RSPB farmland adviser, said: "These figures cover a period up to two years ago and despite

the continued evidence of a downward trend the figures suggest the rate of decline may be slowing.

"Many farmers are already taking action to improve their farms for wild birds and we are confident that if farmers get on board the industry's Campaign For The Farmed Environment and put environmental measures in place on their land for wildlife these figures will begin to turn around."

Although five of the 19 species featured in the report showed increases of 10 per cent or more, 11 species featured declines of a similar level.

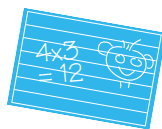
The population indices for some of the target species in the region, such as corn bunting, grey partridge, starling, turtle dove and yellow wagtail, decreased by more than half.

Mr Fowkes added: "Farmland birds have suffered in recent decades, but there are ways farmers can make a positive difference."



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Delayed return home fails to ruin 'awesome' biology visit

BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

A-LEVEL students from Brockhill Park managed to get back from a biology trip to the Maldives after the volcanic-ash cloud grounded all air travel.

They boarded the first British Airways flight to leave the islands since the disruption caused by the natural phenomenon which left thousands stranded abroad.

Kerry Young, principal teacher of science and trip organiser, said: "We were relieved to be able to return to the UK as planned [on Saturday, April 24].

"Even though the hotel company, Diva Resorts, were incredibly hospitable, both staff and students were looking forward to returning to their friends and family."

The departure was slightly delayed while BA staff ensured every seat was filled.

The field trip was intended to help develop the Saltwood school's global partnership with Dhigurah School in the Maldives and allow students to see conservation in action for their A-Level coursework.

Year 12 Brockhill student Scott Harding said: "The word 'awesome' doesn't come close to describing what it is like to swim with whale sharks. My life-long goal is to study zoology at university, so this trip was an amazing opportunity to explore the marine ecosystems of the Indian Ocean.

"Witnessing active conservation first-hand has confirmed that I want to work with animals in the future."



During their 10-day expedition, students split their time between volunteering for the Maldives Whale Shark Research Programme (MWSRP) and developing links with Maldivians on the island of Dhigurah.

The group spent spent days with their eyes peeled on the ocean watching for whale sharks as they travelled up and down the reef on the South Ari Atoll.

The reef has recently been designated a Marine Protected Area due to the efforts of the MWSRP.

Student Danny Bartlett said: "I was hoping to see at least one whale shark, but we were fortunate to encounter 12. We even identified a new whale shark, which we have called Dhane, which means 'to go' in Dhivehi. "It also sounds like my own name."

The group also encountered a leopard shark, black-tipped reef sharks, turtles, manta rays

and sting rays as well as an abundance of reef fish including clown trigger fish and puffer fish.

The school pupils also met many members of the local community, who put on a cultural craft display.

Hannah O'Donnell, who studies sociology as well as biology and English at A-level, said: "The experience immersed me in a totally different culture and I have come to recognise the importance of community and value of our education and resources."

Brockhill principal Sonnette Schwartz said: "This was an opportunity to enrich the lives of our students. It is so important for our students to recognise their place in the world, and global partnerships allow us to take the first steps."

Brockhill students will now start the challenge of fund-raising to allow students from Dhigurah to visit the UK next June.



HAPPY DAYS: A-level students from Brockhill in Saltwood, top, took a trip to the Maldives to see conservation in action. They spent a lot of time diving and studying reefs and even swam with whale sharks, left

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Thoughts on the eve of a general election

*D'ye ken Elphicke with his face so gray
D'ye ken Elphicke at the break of day
D'ye ken Elphicke when he's far, far away
On the high-speed train in the morning.*

*He's a weekend place down on the coast
He says it's Deal that he loves the most
But it's Belgrave Square where he picks up the post
At home in the week in the morning.*

*Yes I ken Elphicke and Cam'ron too
Watkins and Sandys and all the Tory crew
They'll spin you a tale but it just ain't true
They just want your vote in the morning*

*Good-bye Elphicke and your Ashcroft gold
Neither Dover nor Deal will be sold
And your East Kent huntsmen leave us cold
There's a fast train home in the morning.*

**Lyrics by Mike Eddy
to the tune of John Peel**

• Where Mr Charles Brett Anthony Elphicke, Conservative candidate for Dover and Deal, lives and might choose to live after the election has been a subject of great debate.

It's a fairly straightforward choice between Belgravia and Deal. But how popular will Mr Elphicke be in the constituency once people find out that he has been advising the Conservative finance team "on fiscal matters, including the sale of trust ports"?

**Cllr Bryan Henderson (Labour)
Deal Town Council**

Career politician Clegg is no Obama

I'm sure we are all grateful to Anthony Hook, the former LibDem Parliamentary candidate for Dover and Deal, for sparing the time to praise his party's leader, but Nick Clegg is no Barack Obama.

Nick Clegg is very much a pillar of the political establishment. He was public school-educated (Westminster) and studied at Cambridge, Minnesota and Bruges – an education that few in this country are able to enjoy.

From 1994 to 1999 he worked in the European Union and then became an MEP. He was elected as an MP in 2005. He is, to all intents and purposes, a career politician.

Mr Obama worked for three years on Chicago's South Side as a community organiser before taking a law degree. He was the first African-American editor of Harvard Law Review before becoming the first African-American President of the United States.

your blogger

The Rt Rev Trevor Willmott, Bishop of Dover, Bishop in Canterbury, on why we should vote



"PLEASE vote" is a message I have been repeating in the run-up to this week's election.

Not only because I believe a responsibility to vote is part and parcel of enjoying the benefits of democracy, but also for the sake of the public institutions that underpin our common life.

I have also seen real evidence of politicians actively seeking partnerships in communities, with the hope of finding solutions to problems in our society.

These leaders admit they do not have all the answers, nor necessarily the correct resources to hand, and they value the contribution of others.

Partnerships are precious. They require trust, respect and a shared sense of hope. A partnership, like a marriage, is about working towards a common good. Perhaps losing some of your own identity, but in the process achieving something worthwhile.

There is an insidious and increasing desire to discredit and knock down institutions and political systems. I can understand why people feel anxious or disillusioned. Scandals such as MPs' expenses, cash-for-questions and perceptions about overpowering legislation from the EU have not helped.

Some I've talked with have questioned whether voting this time will make any difference ("they're all the same, in it for themselves"). While it may be true that on our own we cannot change the world, together, as part of something bigger, we can. One voice is small, but our voices together will be heard.

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The Lib Dems can trace their origins through the Liberal Party of the 19th century to the Whigs of the late 17th and 18th centuries. The last thing the Lib Dems can offer is a fresh start.

**Deryck Murray
Deal**

Candidate cashing is in on Tory failures

I read with interest Laura Sandys' comments in KOS Media about how she has been working hard in Cliftonville tackling the deprivation found in parts of Cliftonville West.

Now it occurs to me that in so doing she has been treading on the toes of her Thanet North colleague, Roger Gale, whose constituency this was until the election was called.

Was she aware that there are some very hard-working councillors representing Cliftonville West who have battled hard for their ward against a Conservative-controlled Thanet council?

Many of the problems in this area are due to poor housing whereby those in need, due to a previous Conservative government allowing councils to sell off much of their housing stock, are forced into private rented accommodation that is often of a poorer quality.

Thanet council failed to secure the full funding offered for social housing and, as a result, was only able to promise five, not 12, new homes.

Will Ms Sandys, if elected to the Thanet South seat, ensure that adequate funding goes to areas of great housing need?

Her involvement in issues that are the result of a Conservative council not delivering what it could seem to me to be cynical and opportunistic.

**Jennifer Matterface
Broadstairs**

Let's stop EC subsidy and help ourselves

The issue of public spending debts addressed by last week's blogger merits serious attention.

Surely one of the best ways we can raise funds is to cut back on our contributions to Europe.

I am sure that any day now we shall be asked to contribute to the ailing Greek economy, and when that day arrives surely that shows enough is enough?

We are already paying useless officials to sit around a table and discuss matters which affect every person in this country when they are from nations that have absolutely nothing to do with us.

Well, if we stop paying this subsidy we can regain our independence and save money at the same time.

**Mike Hawes
Deal**

• The blog last week on how much money the UK owes in reality made

depressing reading.

But one cause of action that we should not undertake is to tax those who are better off even further.

This will only result in them shifting their wealth abroad or leaving the country altogether – leaving those who are less well off with the burden of paying off our national debt.

**Paul Hopkins
Dover**

• Last week this newspaper carried a blog concerning the issue of how much Britain owes, while at the same time the Liberal Democrats are calling for a cancelling of all Third World debts.

Well, why don't they ask for the UK's debt to be cancelled? Surely we are as much a deserving case as any other country?

And who exactly do we owe this money to? Is it the World Bank, or is it other countries?

There must be countries and businesses that owe the UK cash. So why not cancel all national debts and have a fresh start?

**Debrah Niven
Folkestone**

Hung Parliament not attraction it seems

I think some of the electorate may be misunderstanding what a hung Parliament means.

It does not mean all the MPs

hanging from gibbets – attractive though that thought may be.

It means more secret backroom deals.

Haven't we had enough of those?

**Gerry O'Donnell
Ramsgate**

Why I chose to give the hustings a miss

Open letter from Penny Kemp, the Green Party candidate for Folkestone and Hythe, on why she chose not to appear at last week's Lympne Castle hustings organised by Independent candidate David Plumstead:

Thank you for the invitation to [Thursday's] hustings.

I regret to say I am unable to take part because of the inclusion of the BNP candidate. The Green Party does not share platforms with those that refuse to accept that the UK is a multi-racial country and actively campaign for the repatriation of non-indigenous people, often a euphemism for those who are not white.

I quote from the BNP mission statement: "The British National Party exists to secure a future for the indigenous peoples of these islands in the North Atlantic which have been our homeland for millennia."

"We use the term indigenous to describe the people whose ancestors were the earliest settlers here after the last great Ice Age and which have been complemented by the historic migrations from mainland Europe."

"The migrations of the Celts, Anglo-Saxons, Danes, Norse and closely-related kindred peoples have been, over the past few thousands years, instrumental in defining the character of our family of nations."

**Penny Kemp (Green Party)
Folkestone and Hythe Parliamentary hopeful**

Bring your teddy to fund-raising event

The late Peter Bull, actor, writer and bear-lover, always said that teddy bears were superior to dolls.

In his opinion, dolls spend most of their time wondering what they are going to wear next, whereas your average teddy, being more adventurous, likes nothing better than a good day out.

How Peter would have loved to take part in Action Medical Research's annual Bring Your Bear event in June.

The concept of being allowed to take a bear to school, in return for a £1 donation to the charity's Touching Tiny Lives appeal, would have been right up his street.

Action Medical Research is Paddington Bear's favourite charity and Touching Tiny Lives helps fund medical research into the complications that surround bringing babies into this world. Schools, nurseries and children's groups should register at www.action.org.uk/byb for a free fund-raising kit.

**Michael Bond
author of the Paddington Bear stories**

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DAY & NIGHT

Back to swinging 60s

FIND your flares and get ready to have fun while raising funds for Help for Heroes with the Vintage Corporation.

The leading 60s and 70s party band is holding an event at Sandyacres Sports and Social Club in Ashford at 7.30pm on Friday. Tickets cost £10 in advance or £11 on the door including a buffet. Book at www.thevintagecorporation.co.uk.

A hypnotic night out

MASTER hypnotist Clifford Blake brings his amazing world to the Tower Theatre in Folkestone this weekend.

This family show includes audience participation, though you must be over 18 to take part in the show. The performance starts at 7.30pm on Saturday and tickets cost £6/£5. To book, call the box office on 01303 223925.

Pirates coming aboard

SPEND an evening with some of Gilbert and Sullivan's most memorable characters next week.

The Pirates of Penzance will be running at the Granville Theatre in Ramsgate from Tuesday, May 11 to Saturday, May 15. Adult tickets cost £10 in advance or £12 on the door, while child tickets cost £5. Call 01843 591750.

Cliffs host plant fair

BEAUTIFUL specimens will be on offer at the National Trust's Plant Fair this weekend.

Held at the White Cliffs of Dover, the fair also aims to raise awareness of water and countryside conservation. The event runs from 10am to 4pm both days.

For more information visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk.

Book for tour of village

LEARN about the fascinating history of St Peter's in Thanet as the village tours get underway again.

Costumed characters help to bring the last 1400 years to life and the next one starts at 1.45pm on Thursday. Donations towards costs would be appreciated.

To book call 07546 514948 or visit www.villagetour.co.uk.

Tarot cards exhibition

A MAGICAL set of tarot cards are now on display at the Polka Dot Art Centre in Teynham.

Local author Howard Rodway has donated a set of Tarot of the Old Path cards, which have been framed and are on sale. The exhibition runs from 10am to 4pm every Saturday until May 29. Call 01795 521167 or visit www.polkadot-art.co.uk.

Folk club doubles up

TWO remarkable musicians will perform for Faversham Folk Club tonight.

Guitarist, singer and producer Kevin Dempsey teams up with classically-trained violinist Joe Broughton.

They can be seen at the Chimney Boy in Preston Street at 8.30pm. Tickets cost £6/£7 and are free for under-18s. To book call 01795 536857.



Music to the power of seven

SOUNDS NEW FESTIVAL

Friday, May 7, to Sunday, May 16
Various Venues, Canterbury



DISCOVER something new and appreciate the work of contemporary artists as the Sounds New Festival returns.

Voted one of the top 10 festivals by Classical Music Magazine, Sounds New gives audiences the chance to hear the best contemporary work. This year's theme is the number seven.

The festival begins with Evensong in the Cathedral Quire at 5.30pm on Friday, featuring works linked to the number seven. At the Gulbenkian Theatre at 7.45pm, the dynamic Aurora Orchestra performs pieces from the 20th and 21st centuries along with symphonic masterpieces in *Thou Shalt Not! The Seventh Commandment*. Taking Kurt Weill's sung ballet, *Seven Deadly Sins*, as its focus, the concert is sure to be an uplifting experience.

Seven percussionists perform Iannis Xanakis' *Pleiades* at Augustine House at 7.30pm on Saturday and the performance will be recorded for BBC3. Revel in the sound of the harp when a full day of music is hosted by King's School on Sunday, with performances by Alexander Rider with The Masters Ensemble and Gabriella Dall'Olio. Camilla Pay and Lavinia Meijer will also be appearing. Discover the Seven Wonders of the World with Cantus Ansambl, Croatia's leading contemporary music group, at St Peter's Methodist Church at 7.30pm on Monday.

Ensemble Intercontemporain, founded by Pierre Boulez in 1976, perform works for woodwind, piano and horn in *Seven Tracks* at the same venue at 7.30pm on Tuesday.

The church hosts another exciting performance at 7.30pm on Wednesday, when



EXCITING: The Ensemble Modern, and top, Cantus Ansambl, from Croatia, are taking part in Sounds New Festival

Ensemble Modern performs some of the 20th century's greatest masterpieces.

On Friday, May 14, St Gregory's Centre for Music will host the UK Conservatoires composers' concert, featuring the best selected works from the composers' competition. Performers include the Royal College of Music, the Royal Academy of Music, Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, and Leeds College of Music.

The City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra Chamber Players present a tribute to Mahler at Canterbury Cathedral at 7.30pm on Friday, May 14 and young pianist Eliza McCarthy plays works by John Cage, John Adams and György Kurtág in *Seven Haiku* at St Gregory's Centre for Music at 1.15pm on Saturday, May 15.

There is also lots going on at the Orange Street Music Club, beginning with a collection of films made by seven schools on Saturday. Two great Canterbury bands – The Boot Lagoon and Joe Inkpen & his Band – perform at 8pm on Sunday, May 9, and the concert features the world premiere of Inkpen's new composition, *Seven Colours of the Rainbow*.

Paul Taylore offers Poetry on the Trombone at 8pm on Monday, while Johnny's Midnight Giggles takes the audience through a one-man operatic thriller at 8pm on Tuesday.

SharpWire's spellbinding music theatre can be experienced in Filkenstein's Castle on Wednesday, and further shows include *Mobile*, *Seven Last Words* and *Take Seven*.

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JOAN ARMATRADING

Friday, May 14, Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone

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With three Grammy Award nominations and 20 albums to her name, Armatrading's versatility has always kept her music fresh and interesting, with her passionate guitar skills at its heart.

On her latest album, *This Charming Life*, Armatrading plays and arranges every instrument except drums. Her talent and dedication has resulted in countless gold, platinum and silver discs and she is one of the



few female artists to receive an MBE.

Along with numerous honorary awards from universities, Armatrading also managed to complete a BA Honours in history with the Open University.

Born in the West Indies, Armatrading's family moved to Birmingham when she was seven and she began to play the piano before finally getting her hands on a guitar. She began writing songs at 14.

The concert starts at 8pm and tickets cost £29.50. Book online at www.leascliffhall.org.uk or call 0844 8471776.



EDge

Thursday May 6, Gullbenkian Theatre, Canterbury



WITNESS the future of dance in evolution as EDge returns to Canterbury with an exciting new show.

As the postgraduate performance company of London Contemporary Dance School, EDge is home to some of the most promising young talents in dance. This showcase will give the audience a chance to spot the stars of the future, with a cast of promising young dancers and the fresh vision of highly talented contemporary choreographers.

During Thursday's performance, there will be appearances

by 10 remarkable young dancers who are just setting out on their professional journeys. The programme features works that have been specially created for EDge by international choreographers Wally Cardona, Frauke Requardt and Rick Nodine. There are also shorter pieces by Darren Ellis, Lucy Suggate and Nicholas Quinn.

Crossing the full spectrum of emotions, this is sure to be a captivating evening. The show starts at 7.45pm and tickets are priced from £7 to £12. Book at www.thegullbenkian.co.uk or call the box office on 01227 769075.

THE FUREYS AND DAVEY ARTHUR



Thursday, May 13, Theatre Royal Margate

WITH popes and presidents among their admirers, The Fureys and Davey Arthur come highly recommended.

Their audiences have included former Australian Prime Minister John Howard, President of Ireland Mary McAleese and the late Pope John Paul II. Even British politicians cannot resist their music, with former prime minister Tony Blair stating that the Fureys' *Green Fields of France* was his favourite peace song of all time.

Fans can look forward to an uplifting evening, which is sure to include favourite hits such as *When You Were Sweet Sixteen*, *Green Fields of France*, *The Old Man*, *Red Rose Café*, *From Clare To Here*, *Leaving Nancy*, *Steal Away* and more.

The Fureys and Davey Arthur celebrated three decades in the business with a 'live in concert' DVD and CD. Over the last 30 years they have delighted audiences with their fantastic songs, musicianship and vocals, continuing to be in high demand.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £16. To book go to www.theatreroyalmargate.com or call the box office on 0845 130 1786 or 01227 787787.



ROBIN AULD

Saturday, May 8, Horsebridge Arts & Community Centre, Whitstable



EXPERIENCE a touch of the exotic when Zambian-born musician Robin Auld visits Whitstable.

Following the success of his acclaimed Edinburgh Festival shows, Auld brings his stunning music to Kent and will take audiences on a musical journey to Africa. Effortlessly conjuring up images of the African landscapes, Auld will get minds drifting and toes tapping with his solid grooves and remarkable guitar skills.

He learned to play the instrument by listening to legends such as Jimi Hendrix, Ry Cooder and Neil Young, moving on to Southern African influences in later years. With the sounds of Louis Mhlanga, Tony Cox and Philip Tabane ringing in his ears, Auld developed his guitar and singing skills to the high standard audiences can enjoy today.

With 12 albums and two South African number one singles under his belt, Auld is a highly-accomplished artist.

The concert starts at 8pm and tickets cost £7/£5. To book call the box office on 01227 281174.

For more information visit the website at www.horsebridge-centre.org.uk.



SCOUTING FOR GIRLS



Tuesday, May 18, Winter Gardens, Margate

CHART-TOPPING band Scouting for Girls are heading for Thanet fresh from their latest success.

Their latest single, *This Ain't A Love Song*, went to the number one spot in the UK and also did very well in Europe, which promises big things for their new album, *Everybody Wants To Be On TV*.

It was just three years ago that the band exploded on to the music scene with their catchy, feel-good tunes such as *She's So Lovely*, *Heartbeat*, *It's Not About You* and *Elvis Ain't Dead*. Their debut album also went to number one in the charts and made them the biggest-selling new British band of that year.

Fronted by the charismatic Roy Stride, the band has become a huge success story and that looks set to continue with their latest album. They spent last year recording *Everybody Wants To Be On TV* and their hard work has evidently paid off, as the album has already shot to number two in the charts.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £22.50. To book call the box office on 01843 292795/296111.



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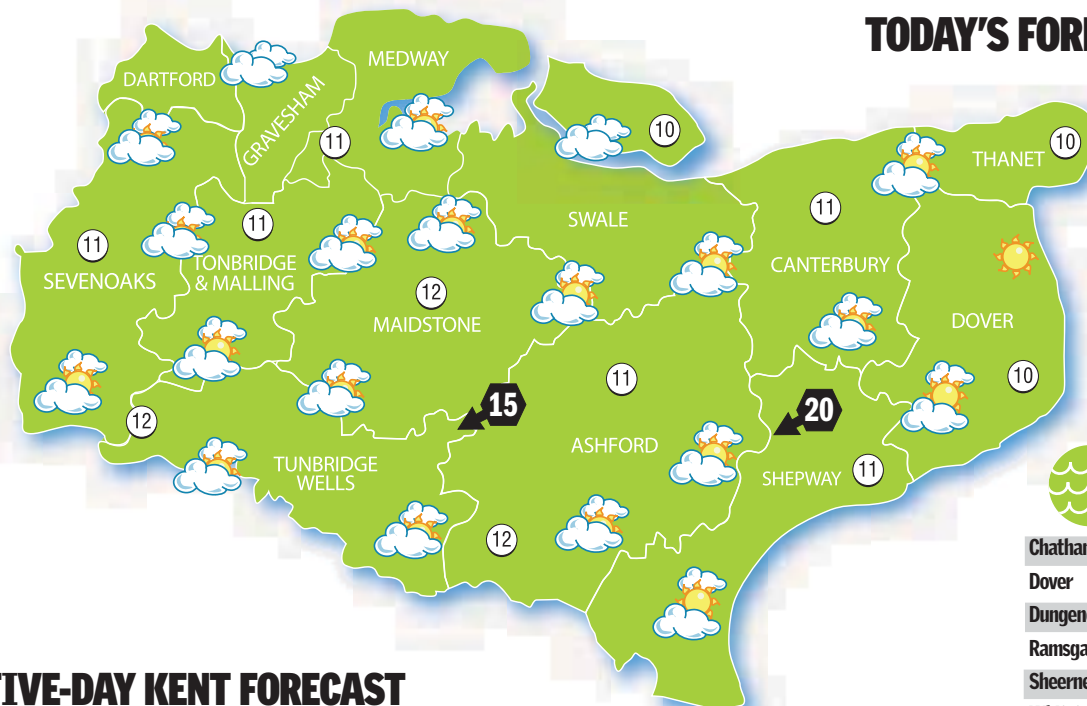
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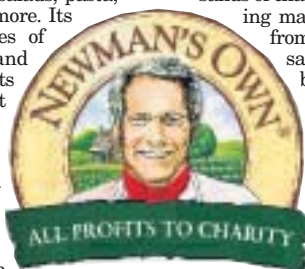
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- 4 plum tomatoes, quartered
- 200g tenderstem broccoli, cut into florets

- 1) Using a small sharp knife, cut each prawn down the back about half-way into the meat and remove the black thread running down.
- 2) Put the dressing in a bowl, add the prawns and stir until they are coated. Leave to marinate in a cool place for 15 minutes.
- 3) Heat a frying pan until very hot. Lift the prawns from the dressing and add to the pan. Cook for 3-4 minutes, turning the prawns over once or twice, until they turn pink and opaque. Remove from the pan and keep warm in a low oven.
- 4) Add the mushrooms, tomatoes and broccoli to the pan and cook for 5 minutes, turning the vegetables over half way. Return the prawns to the pan, pour over the dressing left in the bowl and heat until the dressing bubbles.
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This is no wonderland as Alice has adventures of a different Creed

■ BY DAMON SMITH

A YOUNG woman faces a terrifying ordeal in J Blakeson's accomplished feature directorial debut.

The *Disappearance of Alice Creed* is an edge-of-the-seat thriller that, by its simple premise – three characters trapped predominantly in one location – could easily have started life on the stage.

The film even adopts a classic three-act structure, bookmarked by twists that force us to re-evaluate the fragile balance of power.

The intimacy of the set-up works in the film's favour, forcing Blakeson to develop his protagonists to sustain our interest and the dramatic momentum.

However, the writer-director engineers one hairpin twist too many with a big reveal that sits awkwardly between unintentional hilarity and implausibility.

Blakeson opens with a gripping, dialogue-free sequence of pals Vic (Eddie Marsan – *Sherlock Holmes* and *Happy-Go-Lucky*) and Danny (Monarch of the Glen's Martin Compston) preparing a van and a flat for the arrival of their victim.

"Okay," growls Vic and the two men drag Alice (Gemma Arterton) off the street, tie her up in the back of the van and then transfer her kicking and whimpering to the specially outfitted flat, which has been soundproofed to prevent neighbours hearing her screams for help.

Bound at the ankles and wrists to a bed, Alice lies trembling at the mercy of her captors, unable to fathom why she has been kidnapped.

It transpires that Vic and Danny are holding her for ransom – a cool £2million – and they expect her millionaire-rich father to pay in cash to secure her safe return.

When Vic leaves to make contact with the old man, providing Danny with precise instructions in his absence ("Don't sleep, check



CAPTIVE AUDIENCE: Alice (Gemma Arterton) is kidnapped by Danny (Martin Compston) and Vic (Eddie Marsan) in J Blakeson's directorial debut

on her... and don't drink!"), Alice senses an opportunity to ply her feminine wiles and extricate herself from a hellish situation.

The *Disappearance of Alice Creed* was filmed on location on the Isle of Man, although the majority of the picture unfolds in the interlocking rooms of Vic and Danny's safehouse.

The brisk tempo established in the opening frames allows Blakeson to crank up the tension as he withholds just enough information so we can't second-guess his intentions.



Given Vic's volcanic temper, it's uncomfortably clear that Alice may not live through her ordeal.

The director practises equal-opportunity nudity, so while Arterton's captured character is stripped for chilling opening scenes, one of the men follows suit when the tables are unexpectedly turned.

Strong performances galvanize Blakeson's vision, particularly Marsan, who literally

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spits out the film's pivotal line as if his life depended on it.

We end up sympathizing with Vic much more than we expect.

After such a confident build-up, the ending feels like an anti-climax as the writer-director searches for some clever pay-off but has to settle for cheesy convention.

THE DISAPPEARANCE OF ALICE CREED 
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CHIRPY HALF-HOUR: Comedian Frank Skinner gets a fresh bite at the cherry



YOUR TV REVIEW

THE HAIRY BIKERS' FOOD TOUR OF BRITAIN: BBC Two, 5.15pm, Wednesday
FRANK SKINNER'S OPINIONATED: BBC Two, 10pm, Friday

IS IT me or are the Hairy Bikers, those two Hells Angel's wannabes who can't stay away from the pies, two of the most annoying men on TV?

I'm sure they're lovely blokes, but their penchant for saying 'dude' at every available opportunity and their patronising street cookery sessions fill me with a sense of numbing dread, only usually reserved for shows featuring Graham Norton.

This show, which features the two revving their way up and down Britain to stuff their faces, is just far too pally and happy for its own good.

This idea has been down to death by Rick Stein anyway, and Gary Rhodes and countless others before them, so these two are bringing nothing new to the table; except maybe a big pie and a can of petrol.

The Hairy Bikers Food Tour of

■ BY TOM BETTS

Bagdhad – now there's a show I'd watch with a little more enthusiasm!

FRANK Skinner may not be everyone's cup of tea, I know people can find him a bit crude at times, but I for one welcome his return to our screens.

The Brummie pops up here and there on shows such as *Have I Got News For You*, but his profile seems to have slipped somewhat in recent years.

He has, however, returned with Frank's Skinner's *Opinionated*, which seems like a fresh bite of the cherry for the increasingly old looking comic.

Quite what the point of the show is anyone's guess, as there seems to be no clear direction.

There's definitely a studio, and there's definitely a lot of interplay with the audience, and there are definitely celebrity guests, but everyone involved seems a little confused about the format and Frank himself is included in that.

Loosely, Frank and his two guests engage in a bit of banter with the audience unpicking the week's news and stories but it's kind of rudderless, never really going anywhere.

It may not sound like a riveting formula for a Friday night, but it works better in practice than on paper. It's a chirpy enough half hour and rounds off the working week if you find yourself stuck at home.

Skinner can always be relied upon for a few good lines whenever he turns up on TV.

And it's funnier than Jonathan Ross. Good to have you back, Frank.

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THE ART OF THE MATTER 27-year-old female, 5ft8, medium-curved build, N/S, enjoys reading, painting, cinema, walks, W/LTM tail, attractive male, 23-32, for friendship, maybe LTR. Box 442644

STEP UP TO THE OCHE WITH ME! Blue-eyed brunette, 27, 5ft1, loves films, walking, darts, pool, singing, me time! Looking for honest guy with GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105

FANCY A CUDDLE? Loving single mum, 29, shoulder length black hair, brown eyes, 5ft3, slim and sexy, part-time carer, looking for reliable, loving male. Canterbury. Box 464326

IS ANYONE OUT THERE? 31yr old easygoing, independent female, W/LTM cuddly fella to enjoy the finer things in life with, leading to LTR with the right person. Box 879931

COULD I BE THE ONE? Single mum, 33, divorced, looking to meet a male who enjoys walks, going out, time in and out and much more. Maidstone. Box 464835

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FOOTLOOSE AND FANCY FREE Curvy brunette, 35, with green eyes, 5ft3, no ties, looking for an affectionate, and caring non-smoking guy to put the sparkle back into my life! Ashford. Box 849706

SHREK'S APPEAL! Princess Fiona, 34, looking to meet her Shrek. 5ft8, short brown/blonde hair, blue eyes, large build, seeks romantic caring guy for friendship, maybe more! Box 877957

HAPPY DAYS! Attractive, fun-loving female, 35, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, W/LTM intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734

FEAST YOUR EYES ON ME... Hello I'm Andrea, 35, petite 5ft3, shoulder length curly hair. I enjoy eating out, cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 453039

SEALED WITH A KISS Petite lady, 36, long hair, blue eyes, single mum, enjoys holidays, wine and dining, walking, seeks loyal, loving man for friendship and more. Box 453079

GROW OLD WITH ME Single mum, 37yrs old, slim build, honest, kind and caring. I'm looking for LTR, love and romance with nice guy in Maidstone area. Box 860164

LOVE TO LOVE YOU Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium/large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102

PUT A SMILE ON MY FACE Mum of three, 38, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male, 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693

MAGIC IN MARGATE Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, enjoys life, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

FAMILY LIFE Fun to be with woman, 39, I love life, drinks in, walks, family life etc. Looking for a similar man in the Canterbury area. Box 467392

FAMILY ORIENTATED Eastbourne based woman, 39, 5ft8, slim/medium build. I'm a single mum, and enjoy cooking, music, family life. If you like the same, get in touch! Box 464034

DON'T LET ME DOWN Pretty, black female, 38, 5ft4, like football, socialising and cooking, looking for a loving and caring male, 38-42, for a LTR. Box 446684

SHOW ME HEAVEN Black lady, 38yr old, enjoys swimming, films and bird watching. Fairly new to the area. With a male for friendship and maybe romance. Box 441608

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A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE Lovely, glossy brunette, 33yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, with a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551

FOR A RELATIONSHIP? Shy but confident-one known female, a mum, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106

CALL ME Single, Asian lady, 41, living in Tunbridge Wells, I'm easygoing and fun loving and W/LTM single male to spend time with. Box 465481

MANY INTERESTS Hi, I'm based in Ashford and I'm looking for a nice guy in the area. I'm a single mum, 42 and enjoy cooking, and cosy nights. Box 468148

IT COULD BE US Professional, single, Asian woman, 42, easygoing and fun to be with, seeking a single, professional, solvent white male, 44-52 Tunbridge Wells. Box 798931

BE MY FRIEND AND PARTNER Hi there, I'm female, 43, 5ft6, medium build, long dark hair/green eyes. I enjoy cinema, eating out and W/LTM genuine, caring, loving male. Chatham. Box 466612

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ANOTHER CHAPTER Hard working PA, 43, single mum, grey-green-blue eyes, loves socialising and enjoying life, seeks loyal, honest male to find love with. Sittingbourne. Box 461037

HOW YOU DOING? Attractive, curvy single mum, 44, kind, genuine, loyal and loving, seeking a man with similar qualities to share my life with. St Leonards-on-Sea. Box 459128

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GENUINE REPLIES ONLY Bubbly female, 44, brunette, n/s, medium/large build, enjoys singing and theatre. Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pref non-smoker for LTR. Box 445955

POSSIBLE LTR African lady, full figured and radiant! I'm a Christian, 46, 5ft5, attractive, caring and intelligent and enjoy jazz, travel, theatre. W/LTM decent, white male, Gillingham. Box 466617

COME ON OVER Fun-loving girl, 47, dark hair/eyes, attractive, looking for a similar male to enjoy nights out and good conversation. Rainham. Box 854480

GENIE IN A BOTTLE Slim blue-eyed blonde, 47, 5ft4, animal lover with no ties, very sociable, non-smoker, loves the countryside, seeking easygoing companion and soulmate. Box 468120

YOUNG AT HEART Young 46, attractive, fun-loving female, looking for fit, handsome, intelligent, full of fun, sexy, worldly man to share everything that life has to offer. Box 884113

NOTHING VENTURED... Humble lady, 47, GSOH, down to earth, non-smoker, enjoys life, likes meals and days out, seeks a life-loving guy to enjoy a meal with. Rochester. Box 466286

ENJOY LIFE TO THE FULL Young-looking 46yr old female, 5ft4, slim, blonde, non-smoker, affectionate, loyal, caring, seeking a male, 40-45, up to 5ft7, to share life with. Ashford/Maidstone area please. Box 461938

NORMAL GAL Happy, 5ft7, looking for divorced and happy, 5ft7, looking for genuine man, laughter, sincerity, smart, kind, tall honest man, age under 48 and over 30 at must. Maidstone. Box 866380

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME? Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366

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DREAM LOVER Petite blonde, young 49, loving, caring, enjoy music, walking, theatre dining in/out, looking for friendship and more with a genuine, caring and honest man. Rochester. Box 854822

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ARE YOU LOVING AND CARING? Young 48 year old, loving, caring, very bubbly, 5ft5, medium build, blonde, blue eyes, likes clubs, cinema, eating out, cosy nights, good company. Box 434089

JUST IMAGINE Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, W/LTM genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562

DON'T PASS ME BY Petite brunette, 51, 5ft, likes live music, pubs and socialising, GSOH, seeking a like-minded male for a serious relationship. Hastings. Box 467807

HERE AND NOW Outgoing lady, 50, enjoys walks along the beach, nights out and in with a quiet bottle of wine, seeks man to love forever. Box 449524

LOVELY BUBBLY Short 51yr old professional lady, likes history, films and reading, seeking a genuine gent, 45-58, with GSOH to enjoy evenings out, stimulating conversations and fun. Box 452311

WRITTEN IN THE STARS Late 40's woman, slim, quite active, attractive, enjoy walks, picnics, the countryside, TV dramas, seeking a Pisces or Scorpio or Cancer male. Brighton. Box 468610

IT COULD BE US Happy-go-lucky lady, 53, 5ft3, slim, blonde-brown hair, blue eyes looking for a tall, honest guy, for love and laughter and happy times. South Kent. Box 464601

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BOTTLE OF WINE Hi there, I'm an easygoing male, 35, 5ft8, medium build, brown hair, I'm based in Brighton and enjoy seeing friends, drinks, cinema, walks. Box 450165

CAN YOU PUT UP WITH ME? Hi I'm 37, 6ft, blue eyes, brown hair and medium build, great cook and SOH, seeking similar lady to take out. Box 451503

HOP ON BOARD! Average bloke, 38, shy! Seeks young lady, looks unimportant, single mums welcome. I love gardening and ring my moped. Sittingbourne. Box 468095

THE GOOD LIFE Young looking male, 39, quiet guy, looking for a LTR, want to relax and football, together, with the right woman. Box 858113

LOVE TO LAUGH Looking for a love to earth green eyed lady. Must have a sense of humour and laugh at life's little surprises! I'm 39 with GSOH...Hastings. Box 862208

COME ON OVER TO MY PLACE Fun-loving male, 40, 6ft, short dark hair, brown eyes, enjoys most things in life, seeks slim female size 10-12 who's reasonably good looking. Box 456889

DO I ATTRACT YOU? Happy go lucky single dad, 40, looking for a slim female, -size 12, to share good times and happiness with. Hutton Box 457738

LOOK IN MY EYES Romantic, fun-loving man, 40, 6ft tall, with dark hair and brown eyes, looking for a kind, considerate and romantic female. Maidstone. Box 459006

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FISHING & CAMPING! Fun-loving male, 40, not of many words, likes sports, music, reading and films, seeks company and companion. Snodland. Box 465333

LOOKING FOR A BIRDIE! Hi there, I'm Chris, 38, in good shape, attractive, own place, hard working and honest, loves days out, golf, summer/looking for loving companion. Box 450317

MAKE YOUR MARK Hi I'm Mark, 40, 5ft8, brown hair, blue eyes, fit, not ugly, mature, honest, W/LTM someone trustworthy and caring. Box 448372

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MAKE A MOVE Single dad, 45, white, likes cooking, gardening, and a passion for Reggae music, seeking a black woman for friendship and romance. Folkestone area. Box 468542

MUSIC LOVER Richard here, I'm 45, very loving, and I like holidays, listening to music, theatre, cooking, cinema, museums and restaurants. You? Ashford. Box 467883

EASY TO LOVE Margate male, 46, tall and slim, easy-going, enjoy cinema, socialising and sport, looking for a decent lady, 40-55, for friendship and maybe a ltr. Box 468189

ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS Single guy, 47, 5ft8, been hurt in the past, works full time, looking for a Sussex-based lady to share life with. Kids not problem. Box 468082

MEET YOUR MATCH! Slim single dad, 47, works full time, looking for a slim/medium build lady, 25-50, children not a problem. Hobbies include, fishing, football, day and cooking. Dover. Box 462630

NEEDING LOVE 47yr old Brighton based man, own home/business, seeks genuine local lady aged 45-50 years to share it all with. Box 463623

TAKE MY HAND Genuine, honest man, 47, likes dining out, walking, looking to share the good life with a woman, 35-50, Deal, Kent. Box 460441

LOVE SHOULD BE EASY Laid-back single guy, 48, from Hythe, 6ft, slightly overweight/trying to lose it, seeking a fun to be around female to takes things slow with. Box 468498

GET BACK TO ME Good looking divorced man, 49, 6ft, likes keeping in shape, loves music and gigs; seeking slim lady, 30-40, relaxed, laid-back, for hopeful good relationship. Hythe. Box 460338

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL Ashford man, 54, brown hair/blue eyes, 5ft4, divorced-grown up daughter, enjoy walking, days in/out, quiet drink and football, looking for an educated female, 40-60. Box 465231

DANCING THROUGH LIFE Active and easy-going male, mid 50's, always tries to see the funny side of life, looking for a like-minded independent female. Box 464771

HAND IN HAND Easygoing man, 57, would like to meet someone to share good and bad times, finding that special person to be with soul mates. Box 861243

AROUND AND AROUND Active male, 59, dark hair, 5'7, keeps fit, cycles, seeking a cuddly, curvy, mature lady for friendship. Canterbury. Box 467423

TAKE A CHANCE Kent gent, 57, like music, socialising, cinema, fishing and holidays abroad, looking for a wonderful lady, 50-60, for friendship and romance. Cranbrook. Box 468651

ONWARDS & UPWARDS Early 50s widower, very honest and genuine, loves rock music, violin player, great cook, school worker, just hoping to meet someone. Langley. Box 468680

GET TOGETHER Divorced male, 59, 5ft8in, slim with grey hair, likes gardening, fishing, cycling, walks, cooking, going out, travel, seeks a fun and similar woman. Aylesford. Box 468615

HELLO THERE! Sociable lad, 59, from Ashford, enjoy motor racing, films and watching television, looking for a lady to share the good things in life with. Box 465607

CONSIDER THIS Professional male, 50s, likes live music, eating in and out, W/LTM slim female, to share interests together. Sittingbourne. Box 153535

A NICE WALK? Genuine chap, 60, medium build, brown hair/eyes. I enjoy socialising, pub meals, walking, cycling and I'm looking for lady with similar interests. Margate area. Box 467429

SINCERE male, 55, seeks genuine, loving female for friendship and possible relationship. Box 710294

LOVE IS THE ANSWER Retired 62yr old male, 6ft, blue eyes, solvent, hobbies include music, films, reading, American comics and football. W/LTM a sweet lady for friendship/love. Herne Bay. Box 460106

SAVING ALL MY LOVE FOR YOU Lorry driver, 63, 5ft9, slim, separated, likes going to the pub, playing golf and music, looking for a lovely lady to share life with. Maidstone. Box 462530

THE SIMPLE THINGS Slim 60s male, 6ft, non smoker, likes country pubs, log fires, W/LTM tall, slim non-smoking female 58-68. Battle. Box 455050

Men seeking men

TALL ORDER 40yr old chap, 5ft8, dark, slim/muscular build, good looking. Looking for a tall guy for fun. Box 493132

GOOD NATURE Down-to-earth guy, 46, green eyes, dark hair, slim, enjoys holidays, music, pubs, eating in/out, W/LTM male, 35-50, for friendship, companionship/relationship with the right one. Birchington. Box 467785

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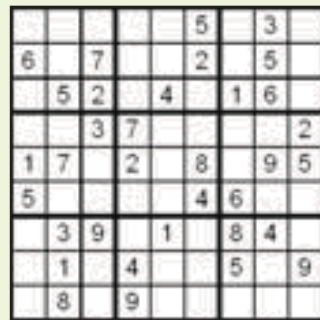
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 12 Tar twice smeared gently on bicycle pedal (3-4)
 14 Track British-American coach (7)
 15 Striker may have a hand in it (6-5)
 16 Mother hoping to include character from Greece (3)
 17 Best quality surface (3)
 19 Stump pedestrian store supervisor (11)
 22 Unruly sot with wealthy bird (7)
 23 Panic after spike is put on cap (7)
 24 Part of Harlequin always related to horses (7)
 25 Graduate Liz's heartless account on French novelist (6)
 26 Field's small time fragrant plant (11)

DOWN

- 2 Rodney included a levy, it's the driver's duty (4,3)
 3 Old and experienced Oriental in rebuilt tavern (7)
 4 Playful sort of dog? (3)
 5 Stream, a wet sort on right path (11)
 6 Avenge quieter eccentric (7)
 7 Injector's babble? (6)
 8 It produces a shocking record (11)
 11 Novice offender? (11)
 13 Compartment had finally been stereotyped (11)
 18 Not pleased to go to sea (3,3)
 19 Fee I can arrange for glazed earthenware (7)
 20 Declare animal came up stream (7)
 21 Area of Ireland in which I larked about (7)
 25 Bend front of ship (3)

QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Not having enough tools (3-8)
 9 Caress (6)
 10 Highest part of building (7)
 12 Glossy coat (7)
 14 Disciple (7)
 15 Trustworthiness (11)
 16 Surprised expression (3)
 17 Mat (3)
 19 Unpleasant to taste (11)
 22 Legendary Spanish nobleman (3,4)
 23 Acrobatis bar (7)
 24 Bouquet (7)
 25 Understanding (6)
 26 Band of gold (7-4)

DOWN

- 2 Sideways (7)
 3 Foreign articles (7)
 4 Employ (3)
 5 Neapolitan flower (5,6)
 6 Environmental study (7)
 7 Attics (anag.) (6)
 8 Dashboard instrument (11)
 11 Make more than is wanted (11)
 13 Zigzag (7-4)
 18 Signal support (6)
 19 Howl (7)
 20 Rotates (anag.) (7)
 21 Enter forcibly (5,2)
 25 Vase (3)

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AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

YOU'RE not sure how to handle a domestic problem. You hate dealing in the realm of emotions; you'd rather work out problems logically. Unfortunately, that just isn't possible right now. There are too many feelings boiling over. Respect a person's need to vent their frustrations.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

DON'T rely on a friend who has broken promises in the past. This leopard hasn't changed their spots. If you lend them money, you'll never see it again. It will be difficult to get your ideas across. It seems like a rival is doing everything in their power to oppose you.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

BEWARE of buying into someone's sob story. They are trying to manipulate you. Turn them down if they ask for money or an alibi or you'll be implicating yourself in their bad behaviour. Working behind the scenes will impress the people who are in charge.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

DISCOVERING a loved one's secrets will be a real eye opener. You're starting to realise you need to be more objective. Too often, you put your nearest and dearest on pedestals. By adopting a more realistic attitude, you won't be setting anyone up for disappointment.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

YOU'RE not sure if you want to move forward with a romance. Relinquishing your independence is a difficult prospect. Although you love working as a team, part of you hates having to compromise to accommodate other people. Maybe a temporary separation will sort out your feelings.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

IT'S hard to focus on the problems at hand, mostly because you're not sure how to solve them. The temptation to run away will be strong, but you must resist or innocent victims will be forced to deal with the fallout. A colleague's nasty behaviour is getting under your skin.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

DWELLING on old problems won't help you make any progress. You've got to forget the past and formulate plans for the future. Someone could break their promise regarding money that is owed to you. You'll have to find another way to cover the bills until this cheque arrives.

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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

IT FEELS like your boss has an axe to grind against you. No matter what you do they will always find fault. Instead of trying to accommodate the powers that be, just go with the flow. In time, you'll be given more freedom. Right now you need to prove you can play by the rules.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

YOU could become a victim of fraud. Check your bank and credit card balances on a daily basis. If you see any strange activity notify the authorities immediately. Your boss will go back on a promise to you. Maybe this is a sign you need to look elsewhere for employment.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

FINDING a job is more difficult than you think. All the rejection is starting to get under your skin. Instead of beating your head against a brick wall, look for volunteer opportunities. Granted, this won't help your financial situation, but it will boost your ego.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757



SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

STOP fooling yourself about a troubled member of the family. This relative needs help, or they'll just keep on causing chaos. It may be necessary to issue your loved one an ultimatum. Refusing to put up with their bad behaviour could prompt them to get the help they need.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759



CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

THERE is some confusion surrounding finances. Money you were promised has not arrived. You'll have to get outside help to straighten out this problem. Although you hate playing second banana to somebody else, you must admit you are out of your depth in this situation.

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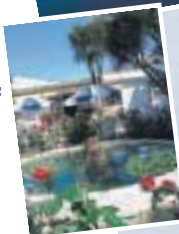
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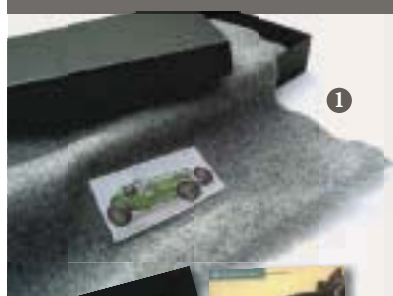
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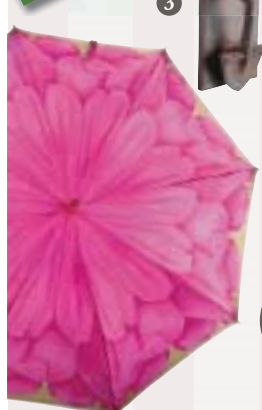
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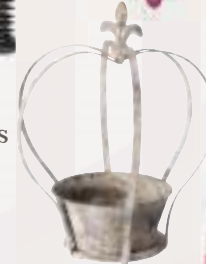
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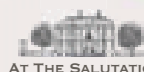


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VARIETY OF TALENT: Tom Williams and The Boat will be joining the line-up

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

THE county's first urban music festival will be held in Tunbridge Wells at the end of the month.

Billed as Unfest, the two-day event will see more than 100 acts perform across five venues in the affluent west Kent town.

Major bands are set to play sets at the Forum, acoustic performers have been given slots at the Duke of York, electronic acts will be staged at the Ragged Trousers, an unlikely mix of DJs and folk artists will play at the Sussex Arms and the odd act will also play the Pantiles' bandstand.

Confirmed performers include The Bela Lugosi Blues, Honey Ride Me a Goat, Kid Pang, Klaus, Krissy & The Jackdaws, Syd Arthur, Tom Williams & The Boat and Zoo For You.

Unlabel co-founder Jason Dornon said: "The free event will showcase bands from Tunbridge Wells, across Kent and the occasional out-of-town act we just thought would be cool to have down."

"Please note there are no headliners and no specific running order. This is not about your favourite act; this is about embracing what you have on your doorstep."

"We want to create a regional music festival that will, alongside the long tradition of a thriving local music community, really push the area into a hotbed for the arts."

"We aim to showcase the variety of talent on the label and some of the more original artists from all over the South East. We want to spread the net a little further afield, artistically as well as geographically."

Fellow curators John Banfield and Chris Pritchard said: "This is very much an urban music festival as opposed to one centred around a main or single stage."

"We've got some great acts booked for the Pantiles bandstand, to create a snapshot and

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Belleville perform For You (Forever Young) in Canterbury.



Jus' Ben covers Keane's modern classic Everybody's Changing.



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- 1 Craig Sheridan - Times Change (from Deal)
- 2 I.R.I.S - Thicker Than Water (from Deal)
- 3 Craig Sheridan - Winter Sunn
- 4 Save Target As - You've Got Me (from Deal)
- 5 Shelta - We Can Make It (from Bexley)

introduce what is happening at the Forum and the Sussex Arms, not only this weekend but throughout the year.

"We look forward to growing this as an event. It's essentially a music festival because that's what we specialise in."

"In later years local film makers, theatre groups, photographers, artists and poets may wish to become involved."

Unfest runs on Saturday, May 29 to Sunday 30. For details visit www.twforum.co.uk/unfest



DITCH THE CAR: Cycling is the preferred mode of travel at Center Parcs, so take your bikes or hire them when you get there

yourgetaways

Go green on a staycation you won't want to leave

■ BY NIGEL WILLIAMS

If the idea of flying fills you with fear, go for a relaxing break close to home, at Center Parcs in Suffolk.

There are four Center Parcs villages dotted around Britain: Elveden Forest in Suffolk, Sherwood Forest in Nottinghamshire, Longleat Forest in Wiltshire and Whinell Forest in Cumbria.

Encircled by 400 acres of forest environment, they all have well-equipped villas, apartments and lodges in a natural environment amongst trees and streams.

At the entrance to Elveden Forest, my long-suffering Mondeo was surrounded by Mercedes and BMWs.

But deep in the forest, it is soon time to leave your gas-guzzler in the car park and think bike instead, and consider all the pollution which we could avoid by walking and cycling everywhere.

Our villa was heated by an 'intelligent' thermostat and lit by energy-efficient bulbs, while I could recycle kitchen waste in a three-section bin.

On a previous visit, we'd stayed in a cosy, if box-like, villa set in woodland, but our real treat this time was an executive lodge – a two-storey Scandinavian-style house, complete with attached sauna to enhance the outdoors Nordic feel.

Suddenly, I could see why the 'staycation' craze persuades Britons to holiday at home. Our lodge was so snug and comfortable – with a log fire to relax by, dishwasher and maid service to tackle chores – that I wondered if we could ever summon up the nerve to go outside.

The case for staying inside was even stronger when we discovered

KEY FACTS: CENTER PARCS

Best for	Trying new activities
Time to go	Less busy in spring or autumn
Don't miss	Relaxing spa session
Need to know	Book activities in advance
Don't forget	Arrive early to use facilities



Nigel Williams was a guest of Center Parcs in Elveden Forest, where a four-bedroom executive lodge starts at £299 for a three-night weekend break, or four nights in mid-week. A four-bedroom lodge sleeping up to eight starts at £679.

Sample prices include: Adult bike £24 per break; child's bike £16; three-hour World of Spa experience from £26; one lane for ten pin bowling (six players) from £20. Activities prices start at £3 per person. For details visit www.center-parcs.co.uk. Reservations: 08448 266 266

the games room with a cupboard of board games, a massive flatscreen TV and Playstation, plus a pool table for the more active.

It even tempted our sons away from the wall-mounted TVs in each bedroom.

Of course, our isolated idleness couldn't last. Soon, our youngest son was demanding action in the dome-covered Sub Tropical Swimming Paradise, a palm-fringed pool complex that is the focus of most family breaks.

A weighty brochure is needed to detail all the activities and adventures on offer at Center Parcs, so this is a great time to tackle something new.

We chose a popular family activity – ten pin bowling – and then each of

us selected a favourite individual activity.

Some are great value, such as a session on the indoor climbing wall for our 12-year-old son (£5). Specialised activities are more expensive – it cost £21 for our adult son to try his outdoor climbing skills on a 13-metre climbing wall and tree-top ropes. Bills soon mount up.

But some of our best times were spent simply cycling around the woodland setting.

Center Parcs really does make the most of its setting – when we weren't looking out on the forest, we could admire the woodland view which covers the wall in the sitting room to reinforce the impression that we were having a commendably 'green' holiday.

MOTORS NEWS



Alfa names the price of its stylish Giulietta

ALFA Romeo has announced its eagerly-awaited Ford Focus-class hatchback Giulietta, due in July, will be priced from £16,995. The stylish Italian offers two diesels and three petrol engines, including a 235bhp turbocharged 1,750cc performance flagship wearing the brand's famous Cloverleaf label.

Standard features will include a start-stop system and the DNA system already seen on the smaller MiTo, allowing the car's on-road behaviour to be tailored to the conditions.



Best-selling Fiesta gets an all-round upgrade

SAFETY and powertrain upgrades are part of the first significant makeover for Britain's best-selling car, the Ford Fiesta.

Most notable is that all new Fiestas come with electronic stability programme as standard, bringing the supermini in line with larger Fords, and CO₂ emissions have been cut. Specifications have been enhanced generally – flagship Titanium models now have £200 of Bluetooth and USB connectivity as standard.

The Fiesta holds 8.6 per cent share of the UK motor market.



Value of used big cars unhurt by fuel surge

EXPERTS at motor-market valuation bible Glass's Guide say soaring UK petrol prices are not hitting values for used luxury cars, large prestige SUV (sports utility vehicles) and supercars.

And despite pump prices being at record highs this is seemingly having little effect on so-called gas-guzzlers.

While the value of a typical family car has risen at least 2 per cent since January, large 4x4s like the Land Rover Discovery, pictured, have climbed by twice this amount.



i-CATCHING NEWCOMER: The attention to detail inside Hyundai's new i30 family hatchback is impressive and includes add-ons such as glove cooler box and heated door mirrors

New Hyundai hatchback humbles best of the rest

ROAD TEST HYUNDAI i30

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

Like the Ceed the i30 majors on its 'designed and built for Europe' origins and the material and quality levels are impressive.

There is a lot of the Ceed about the roomy interior – no bad thing as the Kia impressed market-watchers and scared rival European manufacturers on arrival. Predictably, it also feels much like the Ceed on road; a decent all-rounder in which responsive handling is balanced by ride quality and comfort. It is not the greatest drive but is certainly not dull.

As ever with Korean marques, the car also comes generously equipped as standard: steering wheel mounted audio controls for the six-speaker system, alloys, heated door mirrors, front fog lights, glove box cooler, air con, luggage net and hook in boot, seatbelt warning and traction control are included.

This combines with pricing and the famous Hyundai five-year warranty to make it extremely competitive against Ford Focus-class rivals.

Hyundai sells a lot of 1.4-litre petrol i30s to customers attracted by the £12,300 lead-in price, but the 1.6-litre (from £13,500) is tempting, too, while the 1.6 diesel (from £13,250) is the pick for economy and there is also an impressive sporting 2.0 diesel option.



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Time for a solution to your noisy neighbours

CONSUMER guide Which? has been examining problems of noisy neighbours and claims at least three million UK adults have their quality of life hit by music and voices from next door.

But only a small number actually do anything about the disliked decibels from next door.

According to research by the consumer group, loud voices and arguments proved a source of aggravation to 58 per cent of respondents, followed by playing music or watching the television with the volume turned up (40 per cent).

Twenty-five per cent said they were disturbed by door slamming, while 15 per cent were forced to endure regular parties and three per cent the audible expressions of bedroom activities.

Heavy footfall, pets, DIY, musical instruments and ball games were also making life a misery for some. However, 36 per cent of respondents suffered in silence and only a quarter contacted their local authority to report the nuisance.

The charity Environmental Protection UK aims to raise awareness of the problems caused by neighbour noise and the solutions available to sufferers.

Landlords be assured with a new agent

JUST 118,000 new homes were constructed in 2009 which is well short of the Government's own target of 240,000.

The financial meltdown forced many developers to mothball their developments and house building in Britain has not dropped to its current level since 1946.

The lack of new housing has put added responsibility on private landlords and the number of people living in rented accommodation has increased every year for the last nine years.

"Private sector landlords now house 14 per cent of Britain's population," said David Plaister, of LetAssured UK.

"The slowdown in house building creates an ever growing market for private landlords, but potential investors should select their agent with care."

LetAssured was set up by landlords specifically for the benefit of those who rent out property.

Mr Plaister said: "The game is now up for unscrupulous agents who have been milking landlords for years."

"Landlords from across the UK have all been joining with us in a move away from the traditional agent who has been sitting on his hands and watching the fees roll in."



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MARKET GAMBLE: According to one insutry expert a hung Parliament will lead to uncertainty for at least an additional six months before another election is called

'A hung Parliament will be the worst outcome'

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

WITH the election in full swing market analysts have been looking at what the various permutations of a result would mean for the industry.

An outright victory for one party is the preferred result – with the Tories a favourite for most experts.

But almost all agree a hung Parliament and the uncertainty which comes with it would be the least desirable result.

Positive

A change in the UK Government from Labour to David Cameron's Conservative challengers would be positive news for the property market, it has been suggested by one analyst.

David Amstell, founder of Briffy.com, claimed that a Tory win at the upcoming general election would make people feel that "something positive is happening" in the housing market.

He asserted that the Labour government is seen as responsible for the property market "mess" and so a change of leadership could be good for the industry.

People are currently being cautious about putting their property up for sale as they want

to ensure that "things aren't going to be worse than they are now".

Recent research from FindaProperty.com has shown that almost two fifths (39.1 per cent) of people believe a Conservative win at the general election will be beneficial for the housing market.

This is compared to the 13.7 per cent who believe that a Labour victory would do the same.

However other analysts say a hung Parliament would be very bad news for the housing market.

Ed Mead, director at Douglas & Gordon, said that people are particularly averse to uncertainty and a hung Parliament is the embodiment of this kind of instability.

Mr Mead claimed that many property sellers "behave like lemmings" and are mistakenly waiting for an influx of properties on the market before selling their own home.

"What people should be doing is selling now, because there's no supply and plenty of demand," he said.

Savills recently claimed that a hung Parliament would be the "worst outcome" for the housing market.

Yolande Barnes, head of residential research at the firm, suggested a hung Parliament will lead to uncertainty for at least an additional six months before another election is called.

Halifax recently reported that the average house price increased by 1.1 per cent in March to £168,521.

Property prices are on the rise before election

THE idea of house prices rising prior to a General Election is one that has been met with surprise, particularly from one expert in the luxury housing market.

Lucian Cook, a director at Savills, made his comments in response to the latest Rightmove.co.uk house price index which showed that property asking prices in the UK increased by 2.6 per cent in April to an average of £235,512.

This is compared to a much more unnoticeable 0.1 per cent increase in March.

Mr Cook said more stock has recently come to the market and would shape the future few months of the market.

He said: "It could just be the nature of the stock which is coming forward because if you look at stock levels compared to new applicant levels, generally I would have thought there is some downward pressure on prices rather than upward pressure."

However, he accepted that demand for secured lending in the first quarter was surprisingly down and that it might be one of those figures which could be attributed to monthly fluctuation.

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- Popular village location



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- Garage and driveway



FOLKESTONE £190,000

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- Fully DG/GCH



WEST END £184,995

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- Sea views
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- DG and GCH



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- Sea views



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- No chain



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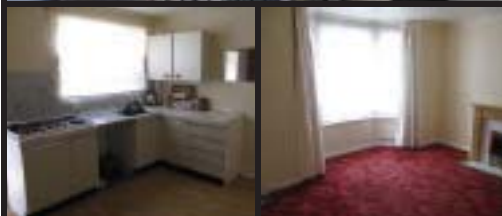
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FOLKESTONE

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£380,000

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In our opinion this character property offers spacious accommodation comprising of separate Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room and WC to the ground floor and three Bedrooms, En-Suite WC, and Bathroom to the first.

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DOVER

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Two bedroom mid terrace property with a spacious 23 foot long lounge/diner, leading to kitchen area and access to the rear garden. The first floor

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£75,000

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As a result of the review of special schools in Kent it is intended that the school roll will eventually rise to 165 and as a result "significant expansion" will be needed. Exciting plans for a complete rebuild of the school in conjunction with a rebuild of Hartsdown Technology College in Margate are underway via the Building Schools for the Future initiative. As our school changes flexibility in the school's organisation will need to be maintained. Candidates should therefore be aware that this post is an appointment to the school as a whole, not necessarily fixed in the current Key Stage.

If possible, interested persons should make an informal visit to the school in order to meet the Head of Department and find out more about the nature of the work involved.

The school also currently has 2 vacancies in the administration support team. Whilst the roles are distinctly separate there is a possibility that the 2 positions could be combined for a suitably qualified and experienced candidate.

Data/Personnel Assistant 15 hours per week

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Reporting to the School Business Manager you will be smart, cheerful and well spoken so that you project a suitably professional image of the school to the many people with whom you are in contact. Methodical and well organised you will set a good example to your colleagues, and you will be committed to team development and team working. The ability to maintain a positive working atmosphere within this small but busy team is essential, as is the need to share knowledge and skills with colleagues in order to increase the effectiveness of the team.

You will be proficient in the use of ICT and willing to explore a range of software with a view to making the school offices even more efficient and effective. Previous financial experience, including the ability to monitor and report on budget income and expenditure, is an essential quality for both positions, together with experience of delivering high quality, professional administrative support. Candidates will also need to be totally committed to working in a confidential and discrete manner due to the sensitive nature of many of the duties of the roles.

It is a specific requirement that candidates for the position of Personnel / Data Assistant will need to demonstrate previous experience or qualification in Personnel and payroll, including relevant personnel and recruitment legislation.

The Foreland School is committed to the safeguarding and well-being of children therefore all successful candidates will need to pass an Enhanced CRB check.

To arrange a visit to the school please telephone 01843 863891 and ask to speak to the School Business Manager or PA to the Head Teacher.

Requests for application packs should be made by email, quoting the position of interest to: foreland@foreland.kent.sch.uk

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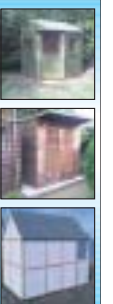
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ON THE GAS: Mat Jackson won the final race

Fans treated to wet and wild day at Brands

MOTORSPORT

THOUSANDS of motorsport fans braved the miserable weather conditions at the weekend to witness an action-packed third round of the British Touring Car Championship at Brands Hatch.

Torrential rain left the 2.3-mile Grand Prix circuit drenched on Sunday. The tricky conditions produced three thrilling races won by Tom Chilton, Tom Onslow-Cole and Mat Jackson. The latter gave the Wrotham-based Motorbase Performance team a win on home soil.

The first race was run in heavy rain but it failed to affect the speed of pole sitter Chilton's gas-powered Ford. He stormed into the lead at the Paddock Hill bend followed

by WSR's Rob Collard and Onslow-Cole.

The Ford driver kept his head after two safety car periods. Honda driver Gordon Shedden began to close the gap to Chilton, but was unable to threaten the leader who took the chequered flag. Shedden finished second with Onslow-Cole in third.

An incident-packed second race saw the safety car deployed twice as cars struggled to stay on the slippery tarmac. Chilton crossed the line to take a double win from team-mate Onslow-Cole and Shedden third. However,

after the race Chilton was disqualified for an underweight car and the win was handed to Onslow-Cole.

The final race went right down to the final lap. With the grid reversed, Motorbase's Kane started on pole position, but he lost the lead to Tom Boardman at the first corner. Kane's team-mate, Mat Jackson, surged up the field from 11th and was third at the end of the first lap. He soon grabbed the lead and was followed by Kane before the safety car came out.

With the track drying out, Matt Neal caught and passed Kane, but Jackson held his nerve to win the race. The Kent squad lead the team championship by two points.

FOOTBALL

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MOVING ON: Premier Division champions Faversham Town are leaving the Kent League

Concerns for future of league if clubs leave

THE Kent League's Premier Division could feature just 15 teams next season, raising concerns among the remaining clubs about the competition's long-term future.

The division features 16 sides this season, but with champions Faversham Town promoted and no new sides guaranteed to enter, there could only be 28 league games per club in the next campaign.

It is not a new problem for the division, which has reduced in size largely as a result of its own success. Maidstone, Ramsgate and Whitstable are among the host of recent champions to move up to the Ryman South and not look back.

John Bathurst, chairman at Herne Bay, admitted it was a worry.

He said: "The league won't fold but it will make a mockery of it. Probably the biggest concern is next year. If Herne Bay or Hythe go for promotion – and I'm sure they will – you could have 14 and it's untenable to have a league like that."

Colin Page, chairman at Norton Sports, agreed.

He said: "It's very difficult, but you are concerned because of the decline and the long-term ramifications it could have."

The division could yet have a new team in August, with Bexleyheath side Phoenix Sports potentially able to come up from the County League below. They are the only club to have applied for promotion and still have a chance of finishing in the top two, but they do not have floodlights and are awaiting planning permission.

Denise Richmond, league chairman, acknowledged having 15 clubs was far from ideal, but has no alternative until the long-awaited step six division is introduced as a bridge between the County and Kent leagues.

She said: "It's an issue competitively for the clubs, they would want more teams. In the bigger picture this stresses the need for pushing step six because the gap between steps five and seven are so wide."

Step six will not happen until the 2011/12 campaign at the earliest.

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MIXED FORTUNES: Darren Stevens, in bat, has started the season brightly, while Joe Denly (right) and his team-mates have been criticised for a lack of concentration in the field



Picture ADY KERRY

Dropped catches blamed for Kent's slow start to season

CRICKET

■ BY GLENN PEARSON

A LACK of concentration in the field has been blamed for Kent's sluggish start after as many as 12 catches have been downed in their four games of the new season.

Missed chances on the opening day of the LV= County Championship game at Nottinghamshire, which included having centurion Hashim Amla out lbw on a no-ball, left them a beaten side by the end of day one, while in the draw at Lancashire last week, Ashwell Prince – who went on to make 115 – was dropped by Joe Denly on 16.

Head coach Paul Farbrace believes the side have dropped as many as a dozen genuine chances which could have dramatically changed the view of the county's start to the season.

"If we had caught our catches it could have been a very different start to the season," he said. "According to the score at Trent Bridge we were soundly beaten but if we had taken our chances there it could have been different, while against Yorkshire we should have won but dropped catches in the second innings."

"Again at Manchester we dropped crucial catches and they got about 100 more than they should have got and it would have been a closer game than it was."

"I don't think we've bowled terribly and I don't think we've batted terribly, we have just dropped catches which has allowed the opposition to get away from us. You can't afford in any cricket, and especially Division One cricket, to not take your chances. It is a lack of concentration that has cost us."

While a lot has been made about Kent's makeshift bowling attack, which at different times has been missing Dewald Nel, Robbie Joseph and Simon Cook though injury, and now James Tredwell who is on England duty, they have performed reasonably well. It's the batting line-up that hasn't fired, with just Darren Stevens putting together any form of consistency.

Skipper Rob Key and fellow batsmen Joe

Denly, Geraint Jones, Sam Northeast and to some extent Martin van Jaarsveld, have struggled to put consistent scores on the board, but Farbrace is convinced they, and the team, will come good.

"I still think that although we haven't played our best cricket and we certainly haven't done that in any area, whether it's batting, bowling or fielding, we can perform at this level and win games and know we can finish a good way up the table," he said.

"It's not panic stations but it's something we have identified and everyone is aware of and it's not a case of sweeping it under the carpet by making excuses, it's not about luck, you've got to take your chances."

One player that has been in good form is Stevens, who followed up his 92 against Yorkshire with an unbeaten 101 at Lancashire and Farbrace has been delighted with his start to the summer.

He said: "Probably the stand out player has been Darren Stevens, his form has been outstanding."

Kent began their championship game against Warwickshire at St Lawrence yesterday. For news, visit our website.

Play-off heartache for Whites

FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

Dover Athletic 0

Woking 0

(Woking win 2-1 on aggregate)

ANDY Hessenthaler has set his sights on winning the Blue Square South next season after suffering play-off heartache in front of a crowd of nearly 3,000 against Woking on Saturday.

The Whites needed to overturn a 2-1 score line from last week's semi-final first leg to book a place in the play-off final against Bath City. Despite a battling performance, which saw Hessenthaler's side strike the woodwork twice, they were unable to find a way past Woking. Missing out on a chance to get promoted has made the Dover boss even more determined to win the league next season.

Hessenthaler said: "I'm down but we have a five-year plan at this club to get to the Conference and I know we can do it. I want to win the league next year and we now have the experience of this year going into next season."

Both sides made a cagey start to the game on Saturday and the first real chance came from Woking's Nicky Nicolau, but the midfielder's deflected effort was well saved by



Pictures SIMON HARRIS

PLAY-OFF PAIN: Dover Athletic had chances through Adam Birchall (left) while Matt Fish (far right) hit the crossbar with a header as Andy Hessenthaler's side missed out on a chance of promotion

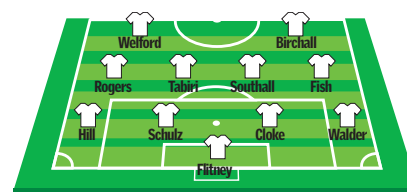
goalkeeper Ross Flitney.

Dover finished the first-half strongly and came close to taking the lead on three occasions. First Nicky Southall's 20-yard volley was cleared off the line by Mark Ricketts and minutes later a far post header from Matt Fish hit the underside of the crossbar, while Shaun Welford's six-yard shot was cleared off the line by Tom Hutchinson.

The Whites dominated the second-half with Adam Birchall going close from six-yards. The home side launched a barrage of attacks on the Woking goal and Welford struck the underside of the bar in the 90th minute, but it wasn't to be as the goalless draw was not enough to see Dover book their place in the play-off final.

Welford's effort which struck the bar at the

Dover Athletic starting XI



Subs used: Lebert (Clove 75), Moore (Waldor 70)

death appeared to have crossed the line, but Dover boss Hessenthaler hopes the video evidence will prove otherwise.

He said: "It was a cruel way to go out but we have got to take lots of positives from it. On

another day we could have easily gone through. It came down to centimetres as to whether the ball crossed the line. John Whitehouse (substitute) said to me that he saw the ball go over the line while he was warming up. I've got to say I hope it hasn't gone over the line because that would be a real kick in the teeth. If it has crossed the line then it has cost us maybe a place in the Conference Premier."

Hessenthaler, who announced his playing days were over at the final whistle, will begin negotiations with his squad this week.

He said: "We pretty much know who we want to keep for next season, but we've got to make some tough decisions. We've identified what we need to bring in and there will be comings and there will be goings."

Promotion caps Invicta's comeback

FOOTBALL

Folkestone Invicta 2 Godalming Town 1

AN ASTONISHING league campaign at Folkestone Invicta ended on Saturday with victory in the play-off final to seal promotion to the Ryman Premier next season.

First-half strikes from Josh Vincent and Simon Austin sandwiched a goal from Godalming Town. The hosts had to hang on after the break as the visitors pushed forward, winning a penalty only to have it overturned by the assistant referee.

The victory was the culmination of an unlikely success story as Invicta, with a wafer-thin squad and hit by a points penalty which denied them the title, shrugged off their problems to win promotion.

Experienced manager Neil Cugley rated it as the best in his career.

He said: "Luckily enough I've had promotions at various times but I think this has been the most satisfying. They were teams I was building but this one is a side we've literally had to put together and they've worked so hard to achieve what they've done."

"I was hoping to get the last play-off spot – and that was before losing the ten points – it's been a tremendous season. It's nice for the fans as well, they've kept with us and seen the side develop."

Thoughts immediately turn to how the club can survive in the Ryman Premier, but Cugley is keen to stay loyal to the current squad.

The Seasiders had the chance to finish off the campaign with a trophy when they hosted Sittingbourne in the Kent Senior Cup final last night. Log on to www.yourshpway.co.uk for the details.



WINNING STRIKE: Simon Austin scored to clinch victory

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exercise activitytimetable

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3rd May - 5th September 2010



monday

STUDIO 1

08.00 - 08.45 **Boxercise**
09.30 - 10.30 **BLT Blitz**
10.30 - 11.30 **Hi/Lo Swiss Ball**
11.30 - 12.30 **Body Combat**
14.30 - 15.30 **Young at Heart**
18.00 - 19.00 **Body Combat**
19.10 - 20.10 **Body Pump**
20.15 - 21.30 **Yoga**

SPIN STUDIO

06.45 - 07.30 **Early Vibe**
09.30 - 10.15 **'Vibe' Spin**
20.15 - 21.00 **Spin**

MIND & BODY

12.15 - 13.45 **Yoga**
17.45 - 18.30 **Abs Stretch & Tone**
18.30 - 19.45 **Pilates**

AQUA

10.30 - 11.15 **Aqua**
19.30 - 20.15 **Aqua**

SPECIAL INTERESTS

10.30 - 11.30 **Plan B**

tuesday

STUDIO 1

06.45 - 07.30 **Body Pump**
09.15 - 10.15 **Boxercise**
10.30 - 11.30 **Body Pump**
12.15 - 13.00 **Step**
18.00 - 19.00 **Step**
19.00 - 20.15 **Fitness Yoga**

SPIN STUDIO

11.45 - 12.30 **Advanced Spin**
18.00 - 18.30 **Begin to Spin**
19.00 - 19.45 **Spin**

MIND & BODY

09.45 - 11.15 **Yoga**
13.30 - 14.45 **Yoga**
20.00 - 20.45 **Glide & Sculpt**

AQUA

11.15 - 12.00 **Aqua Attack**

wednesday

STUDIO 1

09.30 - 10.30 **BLT Blitz**
10.45 - 11.45 **Total Body Blast**
14.30 - 15.30 **Young at Heart**
19.00 - 20.00 **Body Combat**
20.00 - 21.00 **Body Pump**

SPIN STUDIO

06.45 - 07.30 **Early Spin**
09.45 - 10.30 **Spin**
17.45 - 18.30 **Spin**

MIND & BODY

12.30 - 13.30 **Pilates**
13.30 - 14.30 **Chi Ball**
16.00 - 17.30 **Power Yoga**
18.00 - 19.00 **Stretch & Tone**
19.00 - 20.30 **Pilates**

AQUA

12.15 - 13.00 **Aqua**

thursday

STUDIO 1

09.30 - 10.30 **Body Pump**
18.00 - 19.00 **Boxercise**
19.30 - 20.30 **Swiss Ball Blitz**

SPIN STUDIO

08.00 - 08.45 **Spin**
11.30 - 12.15 **Spin**
19.30 - 20.15 **Advanced Spin**

MIND & BODY

09.45 - 11.15 **Yoga**
11.30 - 12.30 **Pilates**

AQUA

11.30 - 12.15 **Aqua**
20.15 - 21.00 **Aqua**

GYM

20.15 - 21.15 **Plan B**

friday

STUDIO 1

09.30 - 10.30 **Step**
10.30 - 11.30 **Body Combat**
14.30 - 15.30 **Young at Heart**
18.00 - 19.00 **Body Pump**

SPIN STUDIO

06.45 - 07.30 **Early Spin**
09.15 - 10.00 **Advanced Spin**
19.00 - 19.45 **Spin**

MIND & BODY

10.15 - 11.45 **Yoga**

AQUA

11.15 - 12.00 **Aqua Attack**

saturday

STUDIO 1

08.00 - 08.15 **Body Clinic**
08.15 - 09.15 **Body Combat**
09.30 - 10.30 **Body Pump**

SPIN STUDIO

13.00 - 13.45 **Spin**

MIND & BODY

08.15 - 09.00 **Abs, Stretch & Tone**
09.30 - 10.30 **Pilates**
11.30 - 12.30 **Pilates**

sunday

STUDIO 1

09.30 - 10.00 **Ab Attack**
10.00 - 11.00 **Body Combat**

SPIN STUDIO

08.30 - 10.00 **Yoga**
10.15 - 11.00 **Spin**
17.00 - 18.00 **Spin & Abs**

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